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MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND — SCHROEDER

Mortimer W. Schroeder

## SIR KNIGHT MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER

(Past Grand Commander)

Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder [illegible] Everett, Massachusetts on November [illegible] Schroeder and Mary Alice MacKay.

He was educated in the [illegible] Everett High School, and is a [illegible] School.

Business — Shade and [illegible]

Sir Knight Schroeder [illegible] of Master Mason in Palestine [illegible] 23, 1921 and served as [illegible] Charter Member of Canaan [illegible] Master of Canaan Lodge — [illegible]

CAPITULAR MASONRY

He was *Exalted* in Bethesda [illegible] Massachusetts, January 24, [illegible] District Deputy Grand High [illegible] 1957–1958.

CRYPTIC

He was *Greeted* in [illegible] Malden, Massachusetts, [illegible] 1948.

CHIVALRIC MASONRY

He was *Knighted* [illegible] Malden, Massachusetts, [illegible] Commander, 1932. [illegible] a total of 21 years. [illegible]

GRAND COMMANDERY

He was appointed [illegible] Massachusetts and [illegible] on October 24, 1945 [illegible] Commander on October [illegible]

He is a Grand Representative [illegible] of the State of Maryland [illegible]

He holds Honorary [illegible] Thomas Smith Webb [illegible] and Past Commanders [illegible]

SCOTTISH RITE

He became a Member of [illegible] 14°, Boston, Massachusetts [illegible] Yates Council Princes of [illegible] Mount Olivet Chapter of [illegible] and Massachusetts [illegible] chusetts on March 12, [illegible]

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## SIR KNIGHT MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
(Past Grand Commander)

Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder was born in Everett, Massachusetts on November 18, 1897, the son of Valentine A. Schroeder and Mary Alice MacKay.

He was educated in the Public Schools of Everett, Everett High School, and is a graduate of the Berkeley Prep School.

Business — Shade and Screen Manufacturer.

Sir Knight Schroeder was *Raised* to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Palestine Lodge, Everett, Massachusetts, June 23, 1921 and served as Worshipful Master in 1935 — became a Charter Member of Canaan Lodge, October 16, 1952; Worshipful Master of Canaan Lodge — 1954.

### Capitular Masonry

He was *Exalted* in Bethsaida Royal Arch Chapter, Everett, Massachusetts, January 24, 1922; High Priest 1931–1932; Rt. Ex. District Deputy Grand High Priest, 8th Capitular District 1957–1958.

### Cryptic

He was *Greeted* in Melrose Council Royal and Select Masters, Malden, Massachusetts, June 17, 1925; Illustrious Master 1947–1948.

### Chivalric Masonry

He was *Knighted* in Beauseant Commandery No. 41, K.T., Malden, Massachusetts, March 25, 1922 and was elected Eminent Commander, 1932. He served as Prelate from 1934 to 1955 — a total of 21 years. Prelate Emeritus — 1955.

### Grand Commandery

He was appointed an officer in Grand Commandery, K.T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island by R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson on October 24, 1945 and was honored by being elected Grand Commander on October 29, 1955.

He is a Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery, K.T. of the State of Maryland near this Grand Jurisdiction.

He holds Honorary Memberships in Bristol Commandery No. 29, Thomas Smith Webb No. 51; Past Commanders Assn. of Vermont and Past Commanders Assn. of Maine.

### Scottish Rite

He became a Member of Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection 14°, Boston, Massachusetts on February 5, 1954; Giles Fonda Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem 16°, on February 12, 1954; Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix 18°, on February 19, 1954 and Massachusetts Consistory S.P.R.S. — 32°, Boston, Massachusetts on March 12, 1954.

SHRINE

He is a Member of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Boston, Massachusetts.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Knight York Cross of Honor, Roger Williams Priory No. 48, Providence, Rhode Island, March 30, 1954. Knight York Grand Cross of Honor, January 5, 1956, affiliated Massachusetts Priory No. 52, K.Y.C.H., Boston, Massachusetts. Glendale Chapter No. 83, Order Eastern Star, 1922, affiliated Crystal Chapter No. 36, O.E.S., 1936; Worthy Patron, Crystal Chapter No. 36, O.E.S., 1936; Charter Member Queen Esther Chapter No. 227, O.E.S., 1953. Charter Member Damascus Tabernacle No. XXVI of Massachusetts Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Grand College of America. Eminent Preceptor Damascus Tabernacle No. XXVI — 1957–1958. Past Matrons and Past Patrons Assn. of Crystal Chapter No. 36, O.E.S. Past Masters Assn. of Malden and Melrose 7th Masonic District. Order of Annointed High Priests of Massachusetts; Massachusetts and Rhode Island Commanders Assn.; Past Grand Commanders Assn. of New England and Everett Square and Compass Club.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND

## THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

## MASSACHUSETTS *and* RHODE ISLAND

*for the* YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 29, 1956

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER, *Grand Commander*

October 29, 1955 to October 29, 1956

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts

1956

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

150TH SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE

FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 19, 1956

A constitutional number of Commanderies being represented the 150th Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened this nineteenth day of May, 1956, at the Masonic Temple, 745 Main Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts at 11:00 A.M. for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before it. Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder, Right Eminent Grand Commander presided.

The Sir Knights were led in their devotions by our Associate Grand Prelate, Eminent Sir Otis L. Mason.

## GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS PRESENT

Sir Kt. MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER . . . . . *R.E. Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. THOMAS A. BOOTH. . . . . *V.E. Deputy Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. DWIGHT C. PAGE . . . . . *E. Grand Generalissimo*
Sir Kt. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY . . . . . *E. Grand Senior Warden*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE E. BOOTH . . . . . *E. Grand Junior Warden*
Sir Kt. OTIS L. MASON . . . . . *E. Associate Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. A. KENNETH MARTIN . . . . . *R.E. Grand Treasurer*
Sir Kt. GEORGE A. WEEKS . . . . . *R.E. Grand Recorder*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND L. HALL . . . . . *E. Grand Standard Bearer*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS . . . . . *E. Grand Sword Bearer*
Sir Kt. CHARLES W. GURDY . . . . . *E. Grand Warder*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. WEST . . . . . *E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE R. DAVIS . . . . . *E. Grand Sentinel*
Sir Kt. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN . . . . . *E. Grand Division Commander*
Sir Kt. GILBERT C. MACHON . . . . . *E. Grand Division Commander*
Sir Kt. CLYDE L. CARTER . . . . . *E. Inspector Instructor*

## PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES
R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON
R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN
R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
R∴E∴SIR HARRIE M. TAFT
R∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

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| Alabama | E∴Sir William Turner |
| Arkansas | E∴ Sir Charles W. Gurdy |
| Colorado | E∴Sir Robert E. Powell |
| Illinois | E∴Sir William C. McCormick |
| Kentucky | E∴ Sir Harold L. Burr |
| Maryland | R∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder |
| Minnesota | V∴E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth |
| Mississippi | E∴Sir Clyde L. Carter |
| Nebraska | E∴Sir Dwight C. Page |
| New Hampshire | R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines |
| New Jersey | R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. |
| New York | R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson |
| Ohio | R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks |
| Oklahoma | E∴Sir Everett B. Byles |
| Pennsylvania | R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin |
| South Dakota | E∴Sir Herbert Y. Follett |
| Virginia | E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis |
| West Virginia | R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft |
| Wisconsin | E∴Sir Walter E. Furber |
| Wyoming | R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle |

Total number of Sir Knights present, 117 representing 40 Commanderies. Grand Representatives present, 20.

## SEMI-ANNUAL ADDRESS

*Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights:*

It is not only my privilege but a great pleasure to welcome you to the 150th Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. It is my sincere desire that each and everyone of you may enjoy this Conclave, the associations with your Fraters, and our change of meeting place.

Today, we meet in the City of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The records show that Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T. was chartered on March 8, 1865 and so far, as I can find out, this is the first time that a Conclave of this Grand Commandery has been held in this city. We are guests of the Masonic Temple, through the Courtesy of the Officers and Sir Knights of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T., Em. Sir Wilfred William Cross, Commander.

At this time, I want to publicly express the thanks of this Grand Commandery to Eminent Sir Clarence E. Booth, Grand Junior Warden, who made all the arrangements for this Conclave and the luncheon which is to be served later at the Monoosnock Country Club in North Leominster, sponsored by the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templar Past Commanders. It is this spirit of cooperation that will carry out our Grand Master's slogan: "A REVITALIZED AND GREATER TEMPLARY."



It is not my purpose today to make a full report of my administration as Grand Commander from October 29, 1955 to the present time as it is my intention to give a complete report at our Annual Conclave to be held on Monday, October 29, 1956.

## INSPECTION, MARKING AND TACTICS

I made some changes in the MARKING SYSTEM in the higher bracket.

From Inspection Reports, which I received last year, I was of the opinion that too many Commanderies were receiving 10 minus marks. We mark on a 1000 Point System, and a Commandery in order to receive a 10 minus mark must receive between 985 and 1000 points.

Several questions were submitted to me by Eminent Sir Clyde L. Carter, Inspector Instructor, for clarification. Upon reviewing the questions, I find that all were covered in either our Ritual or the Tactics, and copies were mailed to all Inspecting Officers. I must state here that the Marking Department is under the direction of Eminent Sir Clyde L. Carter, Inspector Instructor, who will make his report later.

## MEMBERSHIP

My objective, upon being elected and installed your Grand Commander for 1955–1956 was 1000 petitions. It was my feeling that 1000 petitions was not asking too much.

We need 800 petitions to show a Net Gain over deaths, demits, and suspensions. On May 1st, we had received 616 petitions. We shall not know until the Annual Returns are received, after the close of the Commandery Year on June 30th, if we have made a Net Gain in Membership or not.

Eminent Sir J. LeRoy Jones is the Chairman of our MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE COMMITTEE, and at the beginning of the year, he gave each Commandery a quota based upon their last year's membership. As of May 1st, ten Commanderies have reached or exceeded their quotas. There is still time to bring in petitions, and have them acted upon before the closing date of June 30th.

Let each Sir Knight put his shoulder to the wheel and "PRESS FORWARD TO VICTORY!"

## CONCLUSION

Every Master Mason should be a potential and prospective petitioner for the Orders of Knighthood. It is there that our approach to new members should commence. Masonic education

as to what the future may hold of further interest, should not be dimmed by too much reticence in this respect. Particularly is it desirable that prospective members should know that beyond the horizon of their present Masonic knowledge, there lies a continuing Body within the Masonic family, which is founded upon the precepts of the Christian Faith.

As a Christian Order of Knighthood, let us stand up for the principles upon which our Order was founded: Freedom, Liberty, Justice and the Christian Religion.

Courteously submitted,

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER,
*Grand Commander*

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

May 10, 1956

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts

*Eminent and Dear Sir:*

The following amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery during the recess of Grand Commandery and is now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of St. John's Commandery No. 1 K.T., Providence, Rhode Island, amending Section 1 of Article II; Section 1 of Article IV; Sections 1 and 3 of Article V; Sections 2 and 4 of Article VII, copy of which is hereto annexed.
2. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Woonsocket Commandery No. 24 K.T., amending Article XIII, Section 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.
3. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25 K.T., copy of which is hereto annexed.
4. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Pilgrim Commandery No. 9 (excepting Section 3 of Article IV — not approved), copy of which is hereto annexed.
5. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T., (excepting Article V, Section 3; Article VIII, Section 2) and amending Article XI, copy of which is hereto annexed. Copy of corrected Amendments to By-Laws is also enclosed.
6. Resolution as sent out by Grand Encampment and Official Order No. 2, copy of which is hereto annexed.
7. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46, Article II, Section 2, copy of which is hereto annexed.



8. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Bay State Commandery No. 38 K.T., amending Article IX, Section 2, copy of which is hereto annexed.

All of the above amendments have been approved by your Committee.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman,*
*Jurisprudence Committee.*

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

## CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

Feb. 23, 1956

Section 1 of Article II entitled "Officers" to read as follows:

Section 1. The Officers of the Commandery shall be chosen annually at the Annual Stated Conclave in June, and the Officers shall be installed not later than June 30th at a date to be determined by the Commander elect, and shall retain their office until their successors have been elected and installed.

Amend Section 1 of Article IV entitled "Fees" to read as follows:

Section 1. Every accepted candidate shall pay to the Recorder before receiving the Order of the Red Cross, the sum of thirty dollars, and the sum of thirty dollars before receiving the order of the Temple, together, when required by the Commandery, with a sum sufficient to cover the cost of regulation Commandery coat, and a Knight Templar's regalia, which shall conform to the uniform adopted by this Commandery.

Amend Sections 1 and 3 of Article V entitled "Dues" to read as follows:

Section 1. Each member of the Commandery shall pay to the Recorder the sum of seven dollars annually in advance in the month of January.

Section 3. If any member shall fail to pay his dues or assessments to the Commandery, for the period of one year, it shall be the duty of the Recorder to notify said delinquent of the time it is proposed to act upon the matter that he may show cause why his name should not be suspended from the roll of membership; and if he shall, for the space of thirty days thereafter, fail to pay the same and shall render no satisfactory excuse to the Commandery, his name may be suspended from the roll of membership by vote of two-thirds of the members present at the stated conclave. Any member who shall fail to pay his dues for a period of three years shall be dropped from membership after the notice of the proposed action and by a majority vote of the Commandery at the stated conclave, — PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to remit from time to time, the dues and assessments of any member whose age, infirmity, misfortune, or deserts may in its judgment, entitle him to such remission, in which case the Recorder shall notify the Board of Trustees, which shall forthwith pay over to the Treasurer from the income of the Charity or Permanent Fund the amount of such dues and assessments.

Amend Sections 2 and 4 of Article VII entitled "Permanent Fund."

Section 2. Said fund shall be held in the corporate name of this Com-

mandery, but shall be under direction and control of a Board of Trustees consisting of three members holding no other elective office in the Commandery. Each member of said Board shall hold said office for a term of three years, and at each annual conclave the term of one member thereof shall expire and election to the vacancy then to occur shall be held at the annual conclave in June. Should a vacancy occur in said Board it shall be filled at the next stated conclave, due notice thereof being borne on the notification. The election of members to said Board shall be by ballot.

Section 4. The income of the fund only shall be appropriated, and that for no other purpose than the relief of distressed members of this Commandery, their widows or orphans; nevertheless the amount of such income reported by said Trustees as unexpended at any annual conclave shall be added to the principal of said fund and become a part thereof unless otherwise appropriated by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at such conclave. The trustees shall have no authority to appropriate said income or any part thereof prior to a vote of the Commandery.

Jan. 10, 1956

*To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights of Woonsocket Commandery No. 24 of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders.*

Greetings:

We propose that Article XIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws be amended by the substitution in line Three of the word "nine" for the word "five" making said Article XIII, Section 1, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
DUES

Section 1. There shall be paid annually to the Recorder of this Commandery by each member thereof the sum of Nine Dollars, the same to be due and payable at the Stated Conclave in March of each year; and it is the duty of the Recorder to promptly collect the same, and he shall report to the Commandery the names of all members who shall refuse or neglect for the term of one year to pay said annual dues; and no member of this Commandery who is in arrears in the payment of dues for the term of two years shall be entitled to vote, or be eligible to hold office therein.

Respectfully submitted,

Em. Sir Lewis D. Koenig
Em. Sir Robert S. Reubenbery
William C. Saudern

Mar. 15, 1956

Dear Sir:

At the regular conclave of this Commandery held June 15, 1955, a change in one of our By-Laws was proposed and upon motion duly made and seconded it was passed.

This change was published in the June notice of this Commandery.



The change is as follows:

A motion made and seconded to Amend Article I, Section 4, which now reads: "The officers shall be installed at the September conclave and they shall hold their respective offices until their successor is installed."

Be amended to read as follows:

"The officers shall be installed within the month of September and they shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed."

Courteously yours,

Warren P. Hathaway, *Recorder*

## CHANGES IN BY-LAWS OF PILGRIM COMMANDERY

Voted at the October 26, 1955 Conclave

To Amend Section 2 of Article II by striking out the word "September" therein, and substituting therefor the word "May" so that said Section shall read as follows:

"Section 2. The Officers of the Commandery shall be chosen annually at the stated Conclave in May; The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Recorder shall be elected by ballot; the remaining officers shall be appointed by the Commander. Their installation shall take place on the date of their election and appointment, and they shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed."

To Amend Section 3 of Article IV by striking out the first paragraph thereof, and substituting therefor the following paragraph:

"Section 3. Every accepted candidate shall pay to the Recorder before receiving the Order of the Red Cross, the sum of Forty-five Dollars, but the payment of said fee shall carry no responsibility on the part of this Commandery to furnish uniforms or equipment, either new or used."

To Amend Section 1 of Article IX by striking out the word "October" in the first paragraph thereof, and substituting therefor the word "May," so that said first paragraph shall read as follows:

"Section 1. Annual dues of Eleven Dollars shall be paid to the Recorder of this Commandery by each Member thereof, (except as provided in Article V and VI) for the purpose of defraying the current expenses and for such other uses or purposes as the Commandery may, from time to time, order; the same to be due and payable in advance on the first day of May in each year."

Voted at the November 23, 1955 Conclave

To Amend Section 1 of Article VIII by striking out the last paragraph thereof, which reads as follows:

"Two-fifths of the Permanent Fund shall be invested in Massachusetts Savings Banks or securities legal for Massachusetts Savings Banks." and substituting therefor the following paragraph:

"The Permanent Fund of this Commandery shall be invested or reinvested by the Board of Trustees in Massachusetts Savings Banks, Massachusetts Cooperative Banks, or Federal Savings and Loan Associations, or in such bonds, stocks, or other securities as are suitable for investment by Trustees in Massachusetts, provided, however, that the maximum investment in common stocks, taken at cost, shall not exceed forty-five percent of all the invested funds in the Permanent Fund of this Commandery, also taken at cost."

ARTHUR E. DYAR, *Recorder*

## GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY NO. 35, K. T.
Newtonville, Mass.

Approved Apr. 2, 1956

Changes and Amendments to the By-Laws:

### ARTICLE V

Section 5. Election. (to read)

Such petition shall take the same course as that prescribed in the first section of this Article, respecting petitions for the Orders, and a unanimous ballot shall be necessary for acceptance. If such candidate is accepted, he shall not be allowed to complete his membership until his demit or its equivalent is received.

### ARTICLE VIII

Funds

Section 1. Permanent Fund. (to read)

The Permanent Fund of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35, K.T. as heretofore created and maintained shall continue to be so maintained. This Fund shall consist of all Permanent Fund Moneys in the care and under the management of the Board of Trustees; of all bequests and donations to the Commandery for this purpose, any other additions, and ten per cent of all moneys received for Initiation or Affiliation fees. No part of the principal of this Fund shall ever be appropriated until such time as the said principal has reached the book value of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00). Any portion of the earned income for the year ending December thirty-first of the year immediately preceding may be appropriated upon recommendation of the Standing Committee, said recommendation to be borne upon the notice of a Stated Conclave, and then only by consent of three-fourths of the members present and voting at that Conclave.

When this Fund shall have reached the book value of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00), the principal thereof shall not be appropriated, but any excess may be appropriated, under the same conditions as are provided herein for the use of the earned income.

Section 2. Life Membership Fund. (to read)

The Life Membership Fund of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35, K.T. shall consist of all Fees which have been, or may hereafter be received for Life Membership in this Commandery.

This money shall be separately invested in the name of Trustees of the Life Membership Fund.



Annually the Trustees shall pay to the Recorder an amount equal to the annual dues of the living life members as of June first, provided the total income of such fund for each year is sufficient for that purpose. Any balance of annual income remaining shall become a part of the principal of the Permanent Fund. In the event the annual income for each year is not sufficient to pay the Recorder as above provided, then such annual income as does exist shall be paid.

Section 3. Trustees. (to read)

The Permanent Fund and the Life Membership Fund shall be held under direction and control of a Board of Trustees consisting of three members holding no other elective office in this Commandery.

These funds may be invested and reinvested in the sole discretion of the Trustees, such Trustees, however, shall exercise such discretion in a manner consistent with that of a prudent Trustee and in the interests of the Commandery.

Each Trustee shall hold his said office until his successor is elected, and should a vacancy occur in said Board it shall be filled at the next stated conclave, due notice thereof being borne on the notice of that conclave.

The election of members of said Board shall be by ballot and each member shall hold office for a term of three years, and at each annual conclave the term of one member thereof shall expire and the vacancy be filled. Members are eligible for re election to the Board.

The Board shall choose a chairman and a Treasurer from its own members. The Treasurer shall render an annual account of receipts, disbursements and fund balances to the Commandery.

Add new section.

Section 7. Restricted Funds.

The Recorder shall keep the record of all restricted funds and ascertain that funds are handled in accordance with such restrictions.

### ARTICLE XI (To read)

Uniform

The uniform of the members of this Commandery shall be a black regulation uniform coat, black trousers, black shoes, black socks, buff gauntlets (white gloves shall be worn at conclaves for conferring the Orders), black velvet baldric, with gilt trimmings, and poignard, black chapeau, with plume of three black feathers, rosette on the right side, with the letters "G.C." in monogram thereon, and sword and belt usually worn by the Order when on duty.

### ARTICLE XII

Changes and Amendments

Section 2. Amendments. (to read)

All alterations of or amendments to these By-Laws shall be filed in writing and read at a regular conclave, and due notice given of the same on the notification of the succeeding stated conclave, when they may be adopted by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the members present.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

Em. Sir Russell J. MacDonald, *Chairman*
Sir George H. Nilsen
Sir Charles E. Smith

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Sir Paul E. Crocker, *ex-officio*

Em. Sir Kenneth J. Waite, *Commander*

Adopted at a Stated Conclave held Tuesday, March 27, 1956.

Chester A. Cleveland,
*Recorder*

April 4, 1956

Mr. George A. Weeks, G. R.
205 Masonic Temple,
Boston 16, Mass.

Dear Em. Sir Recorder:

January 3, 1956, an amendment to the By-Laws of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46 was presented at the regular Conclave. It was printed on the notice of February 2, 1956, and on March 1, 1956 it was voted to make the proposed change to the By-Laws.

Will you please present this change to the proper Committee for approval?

The amendment as proposed at the regular Conclave in January, and as adopted by vote at the regular Conclave on March 1, 1956 is as follows:

Article II, Section 2. Election and Installation of Officers. In line 3 change the word June to May, so that the revised section will read as follows:

The Officers of the Commandery shall be chosen annually at the stated conclave in May; the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Recorder shall be elected by ballot; and remaining officers shall be appointed by the Commander. Their installation shall take place on or before the stated Conclave in September, and they shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

This amendment to take effect at once.

Courteously yours,

Leroy M. Giddings
*Recorder*



BAY STATE COMMANDERY NO. 38
Brockton, Mass.

Article IX, Section 2, amended at the Special Conclave of March 26, 1956 to read as follows:

Article IX, Section 2: — The Relief Fund shall consist of such money as has been or may be acquired by Bay State Commandery from donations, bequests, or otherwise for Relief purposes. When the amount in the Relief Fund, as reported by the Trustees at an Annual Conclave, shall be less than eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00), the Treasurer of the Commandery shall pay to the Trustees within three months after said Conclave, to apply to the credit of this Fund, fifty cents (50¢) per capita for the full membership of the Commandery as reported at said Annual Conclave, and shall pay fifty cents (50¢) per capita each year until the amount in the Relief Fund, as reported by the Trustees at an Annual Conclave, shall be more than ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), at which time the per capita shall be suspended and not resumed until such time as the amount shall be less than eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00) as provided in this Section. Trustees shall make payments to the Relief Committee as authorized or required by Article VII, Section 2.

A true record
Attest: Lawrence C. Clark, *Recorder*

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

January 27, 1956

Em. Sir Louis L. Green, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee
1374 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Eminent Sir:

Would you please read the enclosed RESOLUTION as sent out by the Grand Encampment and our Official Order No. 2 and give us your interpretation of same as to:

1. When does this ASSESSMENT take effect in the Constituent Commanderies, as this year 1956, the dues have been paid?
2. When should the Constituent Commanderies bill their Sir Knights?

Our interpretation is "that we cannot assess a member on dues which he has already paid" therefore we feel that this Assessment becomes effective on the DUE BILLS which are sent out, by the Constituent Commanderies, for the year 1956–1957. Are we correct?

Please return the enclosed papers to this office.

Courteously yours,
George A. Weeks
*Grand Recorder*

## RESOLUTION OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT

. . . . . "An annual assessment of $1.00 per year (less than 2¢ per week) per member shall be levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America, based upon membership therein beginning July 1st, 1956, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment not later than July 1st, 1957" . . . . .

Boston, Mass., January 30, 1956, A. O. 838

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2
SERIES 1955–1956

*To the Eminent Commanders, Recorders and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction.*

Greetings:

You are requested to adhere to the following RESOLUTION:

"A resolution was adopted at the 46th Triennial Conclave, of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, establishing a Knights Templar Eye Foundation for treatment, research and hospitalization of needy sufferers from eye diseases or injuries which, if untreated, would result in blindness, was adopted. This project is to treat all persons regardless of race, color, creed, age, sex, or national origin, shall be free and the prerequisite for admission shall be the inability of the patient to pay for such treatment or hospitalization. An annual assessment of $1.00 per year (less than 2¢ per week) per member shall be levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America, based upon membership therein beginning July 1st, 1956, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment not later than July 1st, 1957. Kindly send to the Grand Recorder's office with your Annual Return each year."

It is my order that the RECORDERS LEVY A $1.00 ASSESSMENT upon all members, including Life Members, on their bill for annual dues to begin with July 1, 1956, same to be reported and paid with your ANNUAL RETURNS submitted to Grand Commandery Office under date of June 30, 1957 and thereafter.

It is my ORDER that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this 30th day of January 1956.

Courteously yours,

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
*Grand Commander*

ATTEST:

GEORGE A. WEEKS
*Grand Recorder*



February 2, 1956

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Rt. Eminent and Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 27, 1956 relative to the resolution of the Grand Encampment, the members of the Jurisprudence Committee agree with your interpretation as expressed in your letter.

I am returning the papers you sent me.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman,*
*Jurisprudence Committee*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

*To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Christmas Offering and Good Cheer reports its activities for 1955–1956 as follows:

Under date of November 1, 1955, Official Order No. 1, was sent out by your Grand Commander, Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder, containing the usual appeal for the Christmas Collection Funds for the poor and needy.

Fifty Commanderies contributed a total of $8,657.68 which is a LOSS of $100.17, which loss, puts us back into the 1951 class. Our greatest collection year was in 1952 when we collected the total of $9,097.80. We are still far short of our QUOTA of $1.00 FOR EACH SIR KNIGHT IN THIS GRAND JURISDICTION.

*"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."*

### SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1931 | $5,768.24 | 1939 | $4,386.23 |
| 1932 | 4,973.75 | 1940 | 4,610.99 |
| 1933 | 4,436.65 | 1941 | 4,588.35 |
| 1934 | 4,946.82 | 1942 | 4,217.04 |
| 1935 | 4,088.37 | 1943 | 4,715.01 |
| 1936 | 4,915.34 | 1944 | 5,732.60 |
| 1937 | 4,798.91 | 1945 | 6,033.19 |
| 1938 | 4,608.07 | 1946 | 6,699.20 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1947 | 6,820.59 | 1952 | 9,097.80 |
| 1948 | 7,253.27 | 1953 | 8,712.47 |
| 1949 | 7,669.24 | 1954 | 8,757.85 |
| 1950 | 7,912.75 | 1955 | 8,657.68 |
| 1951 | 8,431.52 | | |
| | | | $152,831.93 |

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Chairman*
CHESTER L. CRAWFORD
HERBERT Y. FOLLETT
LOUIS E. DEXTER
HERBERT A. LANG
*Committee*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in our Proceedings.

## REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

*To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

Supplementing the Financial Report of the Educational Foundation Committee for the Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as prepared by our Auditor, Em. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer, for the year ending December 31, 1955, copies of which have been filed with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment K.T. of U.S.A., and with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which report will be published in the Proceedings for 1956, we present additional information and comments regarding the work done by your Committee since January 1955.

The year 1955 was the best year for this Division in the history of this Foundation. The number of applications received during the year exceeded the number of loans granted. We granted 131 loans which were as follows:

104 male students amounting to $30,757.50
27 female students amounting to $9,200.00 making a grand total of $39,957.50.

Several applications were rejected or failed to qualify and six were in the process of investigation at the close of 1955.

The Grand Encampment Report shows that "The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Division rates THIRD in the position of



Divisions by the number of loans granted being surpassed by Texas and New York — both very large Divisions." The first four Divisions: Texas, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and Michigan granted 572 loans or 44% of all loans granted.

During the year, your Trustees received many letters of appreciation from the students to whom loans had been granted by this Foundation. The following is typical of the type of letters received:

> "Gentlemen: Having recently completed payment of a student loan which enabled me to complete college and consequently receive a commission as an officer in the U.S.N., I should like to thank you for that loan.
>
> Your Fund is certainly a blessing to students who experience financial difficulty while in school. I hope that sometime I will be in circumstances that will allow me to contribute to your Fund.
>
> Signed Paul D. Faherty, Ensign
> U.S.N.R."

The above letter is one of many received in our office complimenting the Foundation upon its work in assisting deserving students to complete their college education. Truly this Foundation is a "SACRED TRUST FUND."

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Secretary*

COMMITTEE:

CLARENCE R. DAVIS, *Chairman*
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
S. KENNETH SKOLFIELD
ROBERT E. POWELL

EXHIBIT A

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
## BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1955

### ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in Bank and On Hand | | $ 6,129.09 |
| Cash—In Massachusetts Savings Banks | | |
| Salem Savings Bank #65125 | $ 2,000.00 | |
| South Boston Savings Bank #190286 | 3,000.00 | |
| Weymouth Savings Bank #45345 | 5,078.53 | |
| South Weymouth Savings Bank #26550 | 5,814.00 | 15,892.53 |
| U. S. Savings Bonds (At Cost) | | 60,000.00 |
| Notes Receivable: | | |
| Student Loans—Current | $158,715.02 | |
| Uncollectible | 219.15 | |
| Doubtful | 5,287.43 | 164,221.60 |
| Office Equipment | | 65.69 |
| Inventory—Stationery | | 12.24 |
| Total | | $246,321.15 |

### LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Withholding Tax Payable | $ 148.40 | |
| Social Security Tax Payable | 48.14 | |
| Accrued Expense | 260.00 | |
| Due Grand Encampment Comm. on Educational Foundation | 363.79 | |
| | | $ 820.33 |
| Reserve for Unpaid Interest | | 686.47 |
| Principal Account (Exhibit "C") | | 244,814.35 |
| Total | | $246,321.15 |

EXHIBIT B

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
## INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
For Year Ended December 31, 1955

### INCOME

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Service Charges Received | $ 5,415.67 | |
| Interest on Savings Bank Accounts | 350.78 | |
| Interest on Government Bonds | 1,562.50 | |
| Total Income | | $ 7,328.95 |



### EXPENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries | $ 3,914.00 | |
| Rent | 618.75 | |
| Auditing Expense | 260.00 | |
| Trustees' Expense | 154.69 | |
| Telephone and Office Supplies | 199.89 | |
| General Expense | 105.00 | |
| Retail Credit Reports | 257.15 | |
| Depreciation | 19.72 | |
| Bonding and Insurance | 204.24 | |
| Postage | 35.92 | |
| Collection Fees | 328.55 | |
| Social Security Tax | 78.28 | |
| Printing and Stationery | 18.00 | |
| Interest | 87.97 | |
| Total Expense | | 6,210.32 |
| | | $ 1,118.63 |
| Grand Encampment Expense | | 363.79 |
| Excess of Income for Year (Exhibit "C") | | $ 754.84 |

EXHIBIT C

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
## PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT
For Year Ended December 31, 1955

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January 1, 1955 Balance | | $234,860.83 |
| Add: | | |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund | $10,814.00 | |
| Excess of Income for Year Ended December 31, 1955 (Exhibit "B") | 754.84 | |
| | $11,568.84 | |
| Deduct: | | |
| Accounts written off by Authorization of Grand Encampment and by compromise settlement | $ 1,615.32 | 9,953.52 |
| December 31, 1955 Balance | | $244,814.35 |

EXHIBIT D

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
## SUMMARY OF STUDENTS' LOANS
For Year Ended December 31, 1955

| | |
|---|---|
| January 1, 1955 Balance | $163,168.73 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Add: | | | |
| Loans made during year | | $ 39,957.50 | |
| Service Charges for 1955 | $ 5,347.78 | | |
| (Less—Allowances) | 319.15 | 5,028.63 | 44,986.13 |
| | | | $208,154.86 |
| Deduct: | | | |
| Cash Received | | $ 42,381.23 | |
| Allowances—Principal | | 1,552.03 | 43,933.26 |
| December 31, 1955 Balance | | | $164,221.60 |
| Consisting of | | | |
| Balances of Loans (Principal) | | | $163,535.13 |
| Unpaid Service Charges | | | 686.47 |
| | | | $164,221.60 |

January 30, 1956

*Educational Committee, Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.*

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, the books and records of the Educational Foundation, Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have been audited for the year ended December 31, 1955, and I submit in the appended exhibits the result of operations during the past year and the condition of the Fund as at December 31, 1955.

The exhibits are as follows:

Exhibit "A" — Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1955

Exhibit "B" — Income and Expense Statement for Year Ended December 31, 1955

Exhibit "C" — Principal Account for Year Ended December 31, 1955

Exhibit "D" — Summary of Student Loans for Year Ended December 31, 1955

The following comments are made relative to the work done.

CASH

The cash in the checking account and in the various savings bank accounts has been confirmed by certificate from the depositaries. The various savings bank books in the safe deposit box were also examined and checked with the confirmations. Deposits, warrants, and cancelled checks were verified.



GOVERNMENT BONDS

All bonds were examined and verified at the safe deposit vault in the presence of the Grand Treasurer and Executive Secretary. There were no purchases nor sales in 1955.

All interest due on these bonds and savings bank accounts has been received.

RESERVE FUND

In accordance with the vote of Grand Commandery, the Fund held in reserve for a number of years has been transferred to the Educational Foundation. This Fund which amounted to $10,814 consisted of a $5,000 Government bond and a savings bank account amounting to $5,814. The bond matured in April and the money was transferred to the checking account of the Educational Foundation. The savings bank account was also placed in the name of the Educational Foundation.

This Reserve Fund was the result of an excessive collection of assessments at the time the Educational Foundation was set up. The Fund was set aside by Grand Commandery at the time as a reserve to be transferred to the Educational Foundation when it would be of service. This has now been accomplished by Grand Commandery vote and it has been added to the Principal account of the Educational Foundation.

PRINCIPAL

As previously mentioned, the Principal account has been increased by the transfer of the Reserve Fund from Grand Commandery.

The various items written off by authorization of Grand Encampment or by compromise settlements with borrowers, resulted in a total reduction of $1,615.32 in the Principal account.

GENERAL

The 1956 payment books were sent out by us for verification purposes with the usual request that in the event any discrepancies were noted the students should communicate directly with us. No complaints have been received.

Depreciation on office equipment has been provided for the past year. Accounting expense has been accrued at the year end. Balances are shown for liability for withholding and social security taxes. The liability to the Grand Encampment has also been set up.

Subject to the foregoing comments, I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the condition of the Educational Foundation Division as of December 31, 1955, and the result of operations for the year ended that date.

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER,
*Certified Public Accountant*

# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## Financial Statement
## January 1 to December 31, 1955
## To be filed before February 1, 1956

## DIVISION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

### OPERATIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Cash on Hand or in Bank (line 14 of December 31, 1954, statement) | | | $ 3,524.79 |
| **Receipts** | | | |
| 2. Principal Repayment on Student Loans: | | | |
| (a) On Current Loans | $ 36,503.77 | | |
| (b) On Loans assigned to Trustees | 505.00 | 37,008.77 | |
| 3. Interest received on Student Loans | 5,362.42 | | |
| 4. Income on Securities and Savings Accounts: | | | |
| (a) Received | 1,913.28 | | |
| (b) Deferred | | 7,275.70 | |
| 5. Other Income: | | | |
| (a) Sale of Securities | | 5,000.00 | |
| (b) Recoveries of Charge-offs | | ..... | |
| (c) Transferred from Savings Accounts | | ..... | |
| (d) Miscellaneous (specify) Assessments | | 10,814.00 | |
| 6. Total Receipts | | | 60,098.47 |
| 7. Total Cash available (line 1 plus line 6) | | | $ 63,623.26 |
| **Disbursements** | | | |
| 8. Loans to Students (a) (Male, 104) (Amount $30,757.50) | | ..... | |
| (b) (Female, 27) (Amount $9,200.00) | | 39,957.50 | |
| 9. Scholarships (as authorized by G. E. Committee) | | ..... | |
| 10. Transferred to Knights Templar Scholarship Account | | ..... | |
| 11. Operating Costs (line 52) | | 6,368.03 | |
| 12. Other Disbursements: | | | |
| (a) Securities purchased | | 5,000.00 | |
| (b) Deferred Interest on Investments (line 4 (b) | | ..... | |
| (c) Transferred to and Interest left in Savings Accounts | | 5,814.00 | |
| (d) 5% Paid G. E. Committee 1954 Report | | $ 354.64 | |
| (e) Miscellaneous (specify) | | ..... | |
| 13. Total Disbursements | | | $ 57,494.17 |
| **Current Assets** | | | |
| 14. Cash on Hand or in Bank, December 31, 1955 (line 7 minus 13) | | $ 6,129.09 | |
| 15. Funds Invested: Securities, Savings Accounts, Accrued Interest | | 75,892.53 | |
| 16. Student Loans Outstanding (Principal only—deducting Loans assigned to Trustees—see line 21) | | 163,030.08 | |
| 17. Funds in Knights Templar Scholarship Account | | ..... | |
| 18. Due from Grand Commandery or Assessments | | ..... | |
| 19. Other Assets: | | | |
| (a) Furniture and Fixtures | | 65.69 | |
| (b) Miscellaneous (specify) Inventory-Office Supplies | | 12.24 | |
| 20. Total Current Assets | | | $245,129.63 |



| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Deferred Assets** | | |
| 21. Balance due on Uncollectible Loans assigned to Trustees (Principal only) | | $ 505.05 |
| 22. Total Resources (line 20 plus line 21) | | $245,634.68 |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| 23. Due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for EXPENSE: 5% of lines 3 and 4. REMIT AMOUNT SHOWN WITH THIS STATEMENT to the Committee | $ 363.79 | |
| 24. Other Liabilities (see page 7) | ..... | |
| 25. Total Liabilities (line 23 plus line 24) | | 363.79 |
| **Net Worth** | | |
| 26. Net Worth (line 22 minus line 25) | | $245,270.89 |

**Note:** Administration expenses are payable from the earnings of the current year. The 5% conserved (line 55) and any unexpended income (line 57) are the principal sources of gain (line 80). Gain is important to offset inevitable losses. Please watch expenses closely but be generous with costs of helpful advice and counsel for recovery of doubtful loans.

### Operating Costs

| | |
|---|---|
| 51. Maximum available for Administration Expense 1955 (90% of lines 3 and 4, page 1, see Section 17B. Regulations and Standard Practice September 20, 1952) | $ 6,548.13 |
| 52. Expenses of Administration (as per detail, Page 7) | 6,368.03 |
| 53. Balance | $ 180.10 |

### CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS

| | Assessments | Donations | Earned Income |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Additions** | | | |
| 54. Net Worth, December 31, 1954 (total equals line 26 of 1954 statement) | $232,950.13 | $ 903.97 | $ 1,640.70 |
| 55. Conserved Earnings 1955 (5% of lines 3 and 4) | ..... | ..... | 363.78 |
| 56. Remaining 5% Earnings, 1955, Expense of G. E. Committee | | | 363.79 |
| 57. Unexpended Income (line 53 if black) | ..... | ..... | 180.10 |
| 58. Recovery of Loans charged-off | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 59. Adjustments to increase Student Loan Account (Principal only) | ..... | ..... | 23.10 |
| 60. Profit on sales of Securities | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 61. Additional Assessments | 10,814.00 | ..... | ..... |
| 62. Donations | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 63. Miscellaneous (specify) | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 64. Gross Capital | $243,764.13 | $ 903.97 | $ 2,571.47 |
| **Deductions** | | | |
| 65. Loss on Sale of Securities | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 66. Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures | ..... | ..... | $ 19.72 |
| 67. Excess Operating Cost (line 53 if red) | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 68. Adjustments to decrease Student Loan Account (Principal only) | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 69. Scholarships and/or Fellowships (deductible only from items 3 and 4, less item 52. See Intangible Asset, page 8) | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 70. The Committee on Educational Foundation 5% Earnings 1955 | ..... | ..... | 363.79 |
| 71. Miscellaneous (specify) Charge-off 1955 | ..... | ..... | 1,585.17 |
| 72. .....Total Deductions | ..... | ..... | $ 1,968.68 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 73. Capital Account, December 31, 1955 (line 64 minus line 72) | $243,764.13 | $ 903.97 | $ 602.79 |
| 74. Capital Account, December, 1954 (line 94) | 232,950.13 | 903.97 | 1,640.70 |
| 75. Increase or Decrease, Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 1955 (line 73 minus line 74) | $ 0 | 0 | $ *1,037.91* |

## ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL GAIN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76. Earnings for 1955 (lines 3 and 4, page 1) | ..... | ..... | $ 7,275.70 |
| 77. Other Income (lines 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63) | ..... | ..... | 23.10 |
| Total | ..... | ..... | $ 7,298.80 |
| 78. Operating Costs (line 52) | ..... | ..... | 6,368.03 |
| 79. Other Expenses (lines 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71,) | ..... | ..... | 1,968.68 |
| Total | ..... | ..... | $ 8,336.71 |
| 80. Net Increase or Decrease (same as line 75) | $ 0 | $ 0 | $ *1,037.91* |

## ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

| | |
|---|---|
| Salaries: (Give Gross Totals, including Withholding for Income Taxes) | |
| Executive Officer | $1,795.50 |
| Treasurer | 300.00 |
| Stenographer or Clerical | 1,818.50 |
| Attorney or Collection Fees | 328.55 |
| Rent | 787.50 |
| Safe Deposit Box | 9.90 |
| Fidelity Bonds | 204.24 |
| Social Security (Employer only) | 78.06 |
| Audit | 260.00 |
| Committee Meetings | 154.69 |
| Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees | ..... |
| Postage and Express | *35.92* |
| Telephone and Telegraph | 199.89 |
| Stationery, Supplies, Etc. | $ 18.00 |
| Furniture, Equipment and Repairs | ..... |
| Premiums on Investment | ..... |
| Miscellaneous (Itemize)O. Expense | 95.10 |
| (Do not include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Committee, shown on 1954 Report, Page 1, Line 23) | |
| Retail Credit Reports | 257.15 |
| Interest Expense | 87.97 |
| W. H. Tax | 8.90 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE (Same as line 52, page 2 and line 11, page 1) | $6368.03 |

## INVESTED FUNDS

| Savings Accounts: Bank | Location | Interest Rate | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salem Savings Bank | Salem, Mass. | 3% | $2,000.00 |
| South Boston Savings Bank | Boston, Mass. | 3½% | 3,000.00 |
| Weymouth Savings Bank | Weymouth, Mass. | 3% | 5,078.53 |
| So. Weymouth Savings Bank | South Weymouth, Mass. | 3% plus ½ extra | 5,814.00 |
| | | Total | $15,892.53 |

| Stocks & Bonds: Name | Serial Number | Date Issued | Interest Rate | Par Value | Book Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U. S. Savings Bonds | X680443G | Apr. '46 | 2½ | | $10,000.00 |
| | V575436G | Mar. '45 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V634854G | Oct. '45 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V634853G | Oct. '45 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V613512G | May '45 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V613513G | May '45 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V674014G | Apr. '46 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V785308G | Feb. '47 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V785309G | Feb. '47 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V785310G | Feb. '47 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | V740902G | Feb. '47 | | | 5,000.00 |
| | | | | Total | $60,000.00 |
| | | | | Grand Total | $75,892.53 |
| | | | | | (Same as Line 15) |



## FIDELITY BONDS

(As Provided by Section 10 of the Regulations & Standard Practice)

| Officer Bonded | Amount of Bond | Amount of Premium | Paid by Grand Commandery or Foundation | Expiration Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Exec. Secretary | $ 2,500.00 | 190.34 | Foundation | 11/6/56 |
| Asst. to Exec. Sec. | 2,500.00 | | | |
| Treasurer | 12,500.00 | | | |

3 year bond paid on annual basis

## AUDIT

Is your Annual Audit made by (a) Certified Public Accountants? Yes or (b) by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery?.....

## NOT AN ASSET

Accrued Interest on Student Loans—disclosed only as an urge to recover and not to be included in Current or Deferred Assets..... $ 686.47

## LIABILITIES

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| Student Loans Payable (amount of installments due on Student Loans for which you hold notes included in line 16, page 1) | ..... |
| Loans and Accounts Payable — Rent and Audit | ..... |
| Withholding Tax | ..... |
| Trust Funds administered by Committee and included in Assets | ..... |
| Other Liabilities — | ..... |
| Total Liabilities (item 25, page 1) | $ ..... |

**Note:** The Constitution of the Grand Encampment having been amended to provide for Scholarship or Fellowship Grants, line 9 is provided for such a disbursement. These grants are non-recoverable—actually gifts—hence are no longer financial assets. They are intangible moral assets and in all future compilations a Division is given full credit for this service.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR FELLOWSHIPS—AN INTANGIBLE ASSET

Show only Scholarships granted from Current Receipts (Page 1, Line 9)

| Date Granted | Amount | Name and Address of Grantee | Name ond Location of College |
|---|---|---|---|

NONE

Objectives of Division and Grantees. (In event of more than one Scholarship or Fellowship please outline objectives of each separately):.....

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(Note: Attach additional sheet if more space needed)

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Financial Statement of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as of December 31, 1955.

Signed CLARENCE R. DAVIS,
*Chairman*

Signed A. KENNETH MARTIN,
*Treasurer*

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Special attention is called to the following sections of the Regulations which please observe, to-wit:

Section 13C(9): Prepare and file on or before February 1st of each year with the Secretary of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, on such form as provided, three (3) copies of a detailed report of the previous year's operations. He shall also present a duplicate of such report to the Grand Commandery at its first stated conclave thereafter.

Section 17: A. For the purpose of assisting in the operating expense of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, 5% of the interest collected on loans and of the interest collected and/or accrued on securities and deposits during the current year shall be remitted annually by each Division with the filing of the financial statement required to be filed with Secretary of the Committee on The Educational Foundation on or before February 1st of each year.

B. The authorized administration expense of Division Committees for any one year shall not exceed 90% of the interest collected on loans and of the interest collected and/or accrued on securities and deposits during the current year.

C. The Division Secretary shall pay the authorized expenses of the Division only after a budget has been approved by the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, acting either collectively or through its Chairman. This budget shall contain only such items as are necessary to the operation of the Educational Fund. It shall be prepared and submitted by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery each year, at its stated conclave, for the following calendar year. If approved and recommended by the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall cause a copy of the budget to be transmitted immediately to the Chairman of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for final approval.

## REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The report of the Educational Foundation was read by R∴E∴ Sir George A. Weeks.

E∴Sir Dwight C. Page: R∴E∴Sir, I would like to add that that motion include the appreciation of this Grand Commandery for the fine work done by this committee.

E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis: R∴E∴Grand Commander, the immense amount of work which the Executive Secretary and Miss Fowler are doing on the Educational Foundation is becoming quite large. The getting together of the forms and statements, and the correspondence, for the students, is delayed sometimes by the failure of those Grand Commandery men who are appointed to look up the students. If you have been appointed by the Executive Secretary to look up a student within your locality — and those who are selected are near the student — it would be a great help if you would attend to it at once because it delays the student's forms; it delays his getting his money; if you don't make your report to the Executive Secretary. It would help him and it would help the student if you would attend to that duty as soon as possible and get it in to the Grand Commandery office. Thank you.

The Grand Commander: It has been regularly moved and seconded that the report of the Educational Foundation Committee be accepted and the committee be extended a vote of



appreciation for its work. Anything to be said? All those in favor signify by extending the sword arm; opposed, the bridle arm. It is so carried.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCES

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: R∴E∴Grand Commander; the only report of the Committee on Finances was at the annual meeting when they reported as required by the Grand Encampment. The Finance Committee has the Educational report which was accepted by the Grand Commandery but the budget is subject to approval by the Grand Encampment. I would say that it has been approved. So that is their report, that their budget has been approved by the Grand Encampment.

E∴Sir Dwight C. Page: R∴E∴Sir, I move the acceptance of the report. (Motion seconded)

If there is no objection, Sir, I move that the report be accepted and printed in the proceedings as required by Grand Encampment. (Motion seconded)

The Grand Commander: Regularly moved and seconded that the report be accepted.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

May 19, 1956

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

As of today I have not received reports on five Commanderies one of which has not had their Inspection.

Even though the marking was more strict this year because a Commandery can lose but 15 points and stay in the ten minus class. There has been 27 ten minus marks — within one of last years.

There have been six Commanderies that were given a ten minus mark just on the line of 985 and five others from a half to one point above that required figure.

So far but five Commanderies lost in attendance.

A more detailed report will be given at the Annual Conclave.

Respectfully yours,

Clyde L. Carter,
*Inspector Instructor*

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

## REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

*R.E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights:*

The Service Committee is a new venture having as its objective stimulation of individual commandery activities by sharing knowledge of ideas and plans that have been tried and proven successful in operation. The Committee also has stressed the importance of increasing membership and has urged action and offered assistance.

In organization the jurisdiction was divided into six districts each served by a District Service Representative. Several committee meetings were held to exchange ideas and formulate plans. Many contacts with commanderies were made, particularly with the smaller commanderies, through correspondence and in person, and use was made of the columns of *The Templar* through cooperation of the Grand Recorder.

Membership activity in the jurisdiction was satisfactory through March 1956. Since then there has been a marked decline. Through April 1956, 616 petitions have been received compared with 610 at the same time a year ago and 625 in 1954. To exceed last year's total of 726, we need 111 petitions in May and June.

Courteously submitted,

J. LEROY JONES, *Chairman*
For the Committee

May 19, 1956

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

The next item is new business. At this time, before I ask for anything else, I am going to ask R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., if he will kindly give us something on the time for June 2.

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I will be reasonably short, but I do appreciate the opportunity because, if I were Commander of a Commandery, I would want some advance information of the times and movements.

As soon as you get out of Grand Commandery you sometimes figure it is getting old and not doing anything. So I was, frankly, very thrilled at the manner in which our present R∴E∴Grand Commander got behind this proposition for June 2nd, and the way in which the Grand Recorder has distributed requested tickets.



I won't bore you with all that a project of this type involves, but it is an all day and night deal with not too much cooperation from some sources; so the cooperation from Templary was gratifying. I have never sold anything; I am not a salesman. But I look at continued membership growth in the Upper Bodies of Masonry as a salesman; the way to make sales is by advertising, by billboards or displays. A factor that has made the Shrine of North America the fastest growing organization composed of Masons is its pageantry and display — an appeal especially to the senses and eye.

This project at the Garden last year sponsored by Aleppo Temple gave the DeMolay boys a place in the sun. This year, not repeating that, Aleppo Temple in Boston has again taken the Garden, with the idea that this year's event would be sponsored for Massachusetts Masonry from Worcester east; that is, in the Aleppo Temple jurisdiction.

We plan for the Grand Master to be present, and we want the York and Scottish Rites represented. In both Rites, leaders have appreciated the opportunity to make an appropriate and attractive display before an audience of fifteen thousand, at least a quarter of them not yet members of the Upper Bodies, and it is an opportunity for salesmanship. The Consistory will be there with uniformed guards and their Commander in full uniform. The Deputy and Active 33rds of Massachusetts will be there. All of which is of no particular interest to us in this room today although some are members of both Rites.

But this is the opportunity for Templary to take the place of the DeMolay of last year and really put on a show. Frankly, although I am not an optimist in getting the boys to work, as a result of the cooperation of our Grand Commander, no less than thirty-three Commanderies have given me assurance of having no less than 645 Sir Knights in uniform at the Boston Garden on June 2.

Later instructions will go out, but this is the deal, as far as Templary is interested, today — and I don't want to take too much time — but if I were a Commander I would want the over-all picture. The festivities will start at seven o'clock in the Boston Garden, — and the whistle will really blow at 7:00. There will be a concert from 6:30 to 7:00 by the Aleppo Band. On the nose, at 7:00, there will be an entrance by the Aleppo uniformed units. At 7:12 the Consistory Guards will come in. Then the heads of Fall River and Massachusetts Consistory in Boston will enter. At approximately 7:15 — these times will be re-vamped — the Grand Chapter will enter in twos with the Grand High Priest. Around 7:20 the Council will enter. At 7:22 the Knights Templar will come in by Commanderies in order of precedence and receive the R∴E∴Grand Commander.

Now there are some matters for the attention of the Commanders of the thirty-three Commanderies that are going to be there. We will have issued 12,758 reserved seats; they will bear the legend on them that they are "good until 7:00 P.M." That is because we are rejecting over 5,000 requests, and issuing 5,000 tickets that will authorize holders to occupy any seat empty after seven o'clock. So if you have a blue ticket for a lady she had better be there at seven o'clock; otherwise there may be somebody sitting in the seat. Even though you will not march on the floor until 7:25 you must be there to get seats for the ladies, and also to be lined up in the position I will now tell you about. Because when the whistle blows the Grand Commandery will come in if ready, and if not ready will not come in at all. Success last year chiefly resulted from setting a time schedule and keeping to it.

The various Commanders will report with their men at the Hotel Manger end of the Garden. For those not familiar with the Garden that is the end nearest Nashua Street. On the Garden second floor there will be guides to direct you.

I say again Sir Knights must be there, all prepared in uniform lined up, I would think, not later than seven o'clock at the latest. I am going to have Harold Burr there in Shrine uniform in a general supervisory capacity to line up the Commanderies in proper order.

Practically all thirty-three Commanderies have said they will bring banners. Two things are important on that. We went through it in '51 in Mechanics Building without difficulty. For those who bring banners I suggest you have white adhesive tape on the staff of the banner with the name of the Commandery on it.

Banner men should be cautioned on entrance into the Garden — to take plenty of room, because I am not sure of the clearance, — and they must allow room to dip the colors and then get them up again. We don't want to spoil this, — not only from the point of view of the Shrine but also Templary, and we want to do it right. The procedure will be under the direction of Harold Burr. (R∴E∴Sir Wilson takes the floor and establishes points in the asylum for explanatory purposes.)

This is the Manger side of the Garden and Sir Knights will be assembled in the corridor along that side of the lobby. They will form in the corridor outside the Garden floor in the order of precedence of Commanderies. They will come in this entrance, because the stage is here. I will be at a microphone where I was last year and if you give me any cooperation not only can Templary have a build-up, but I would also like to announce each Commandery with its leader. Each Commandery will cross the Garden floor, passing the stage, and march down this further side of



the Garden. Commanderies will march in threes except for the colors. The first sixteen Commanderies, roughly, will circle to a point here. There is the stage, and they will come up to here in sections. I will have guides there, so they will know where to stop, and that is important. Last year the DeMolay boys crowded up towards the stage, leaving a gap at the rear of the hall which somewhat spoiled the picture. For instance, Boston Commandery reaches a point here and stops. A second guide will pace off fast for Newburyport. There will be a man in a green coat there where Newburyport will stop. So I hope to have the Commanderies in line with proper spacing. Roughly there will be sixteen in this line, and sixteen in this line. There will be about fifteen feet between the lines. They are now both lined up, leaving an open center aisle of about fifteen feet.

The R∴E∴Grand Commander and Grand Commandery officers will enter at the far end of the Garden and come down this center, as I now plan it. I don't dare give "threes left" for reasons which you understand. But from the microphone I will probably say, "inward face." Commanderies on this side of the floor will face this way, and the others this way. I will give them, "present swords," and as the Grand Commander and officers come down the center aisle all thirty-three Commanderies will be facing in and will present swords. He will pass me and go up and meet the Potentate. I will then give an order, "carry swords," and "right and left face," and the Commanderies will then be facing the stage. I would like to have them disperse to seats in an orderly way. This line should come forward, with the uniformed men, except the banners, going to seats here, whereupon the banners should leave the hall as a group. The banners will be put in the room they originally reported in, and then those men come back in the hall to their seats. Sir Knights on this side would follow the right column and do the same thing.

The seats for all uniformed men will be on the side-lines where the Bruins have their rink-side seats. There are five sections of forty-two seats each on the side-lines. They are good seats, the best in the house, and those seats are solely for uniformed men. In the first end section will be the Aleppo Chanters as they have to be there for their singing. The degree staff of Aleppo Temple will be in the second section and the Knights Templar will be in the third, fourth, and fifth sections. I don't expect you to remember all that but I want to give you the picture. You will get instructions.

I think I have covered everything for an initial picture. I want to make this repeat. We have a guarantee, and I hope it holds fast, of thirty-three Commanderies with 600-odd men, all in uniform. Every man in uniform should have a pink ticket which will admit him on the floor for these rink-side seats. Every man who gets a pink ticket should also have a blue ticket for

his lady. We have tried to cooperate. George Weeks went to the trouble of mailing them out first class. Each set of blue tickets will all be in the same seating group so the ladies will be sitting with other ladies of their Commandery. The whistle will blow at 7:00. The ladies must be in their seats by 7:00. The Commanderies report at the Manger side of the Garden. They march in about 7:22 or 7:25. When the order is given, those in correct position will march in, and we will wait for nobody.

I personally am optimistic the way it has gone up to now. If you instruct your men on June 2 on the way in, on the bus, — each Commander being responsible for his own Commandery, — this can be a knock-out and Templary can establish a real place in the sun. Unless I miss my guess, Blue Lodge members on the side-lines, not already Commandery members, will remember it and it can get us candidates. It should be well worth what Commanderies may spend. Those who attend will see some worth-while entertainment. Up to yesterday we had 9500 requests for many thousands of tickets; I am turning back requests for at least 20,000 seats.

The Shrine Patrol will put on a drill with lights that is out of this world. We have a one hour show with a feature act the same as last year, the Mariners, for whom we are paying $1500.

The performance of all but the professional entertainers should be over by 9:00 or 9:15. The professional performance is an hour. I guarantee you will be out of the Garden not later than 10:15.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, R∴E∴Sir. May I at this time publicly thank you and Aleppo Temple for giving Templary the opportunity to participate in this event. Thank you.

Now I call for any new business. While you are thinking of some I have asked R∴E∴Sir John Rines if he would say a word to us on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. R∴E∴Sir Rines, would you kindly say something on this.

R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES: R∴E∴Grand Commander and Sir Knights, I will make just a little review to bring you up to date on what has transpired on this wonderful charity project of which we all are to be a part. Articles of incorporation have been drawn up by eminent attorney Robert Smith of Washington, assisted by Sir Knight Wilbur Brucker, ex-Governor of Michigan and Secretary of the Army, and the State of Maryland has approved them. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is now in incorporated form. The by-laws are now being put in a rough form by attorney Smith, assisted by Wilbur Brucker, and a meeting of the Trustees is to be called within a very short time.



Of course, as you know, the first returns from the assessments are not due until July 1, 1957, but I am sure it will interest each and every one of us to know that plans have already been made and that the Trustees are going to accept the personal responsibility of endorsing the notes, and we will borrow $100,000 in advance of the receipt of the assessments. Due to the fact that to date there has been a great many requests for treatment for those whom we believe will be eligible, September or October should see the beginning, of course, in a small way of our real charity. From that time on it will continue to grow. We are assured that before the new year comes around there will be very many cases of people unable to pay whose blindness will be partially restored, or restored, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be emulating as far as possible the wonderful work which the Shrine of North America started in their charity for crippled children. We will be able to take that part and restore the greatest sense, the greatest God-given thing, which we all have, our eyes. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, R∴E∴Sir.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Right Eminent Sir, I would like to make a motion that a vote of thanks be extended by this Grand Commandery, to Eminent Sirs Clarence E. Booth, Wilfred W. Cross, the Officers and Sir Knights of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 for their splendid cooperation in making this Semi-Annual Conclave a success. (Voted unanimously)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Is there any further business to come before this Semi-Annual Conclave?

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: There is nothing on my desk.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, attention. Eminent Associate Grand Prelate, will you lead our devotions.

REV. AND EMINENT SIR OTIS L. MASON: God be in our Heaven and in our understanding. God be in our eyes and in our looking. God be in our mouths and in our speaking. God be in our hearts and in our thinking. God be in us to bring it to pass. May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost be with us now and forever more. Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I declare the One Hundred Fiftieth Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned. (Adjourned at 12:00 noon)

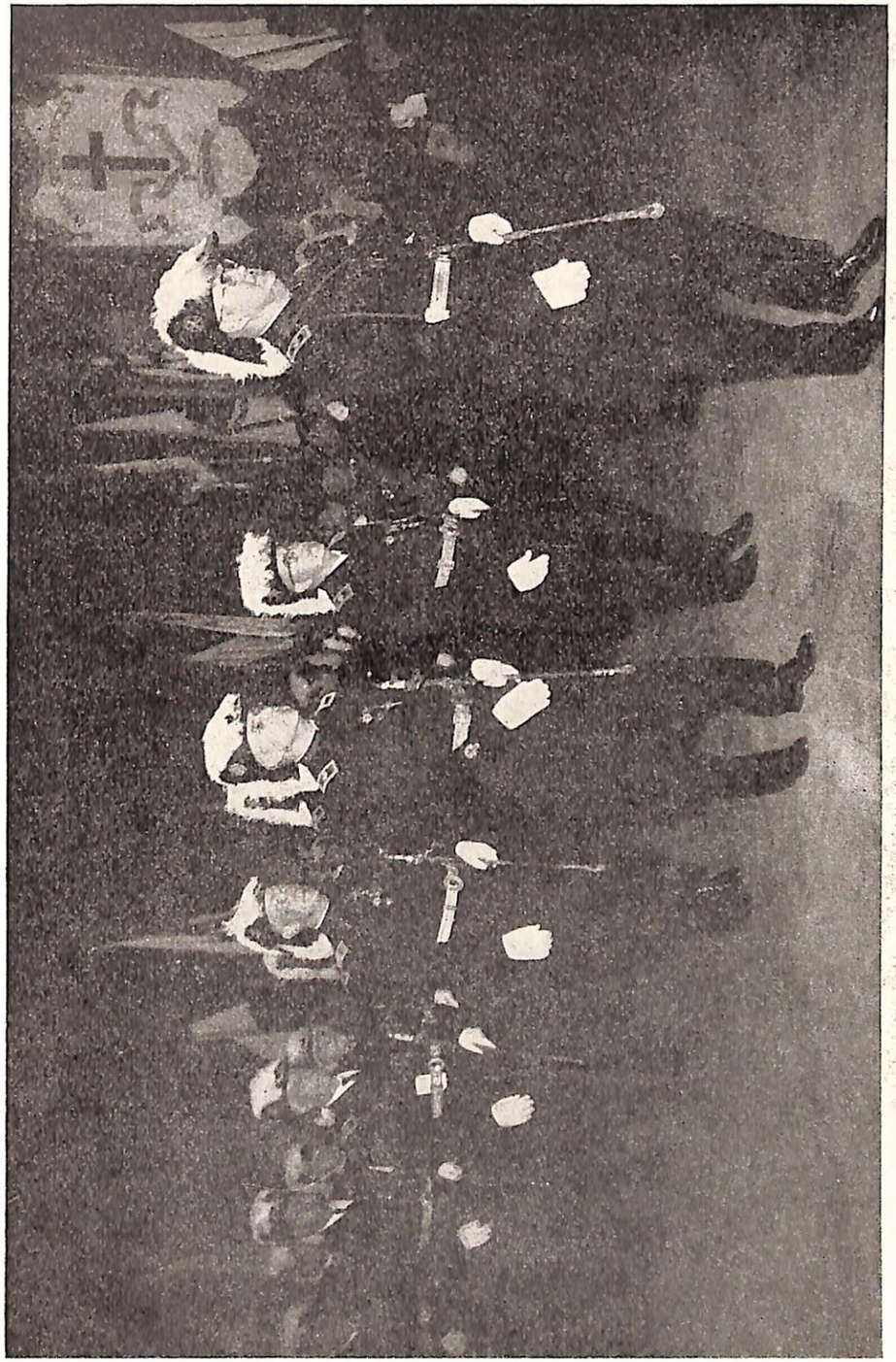
Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
*Grand Recorder*

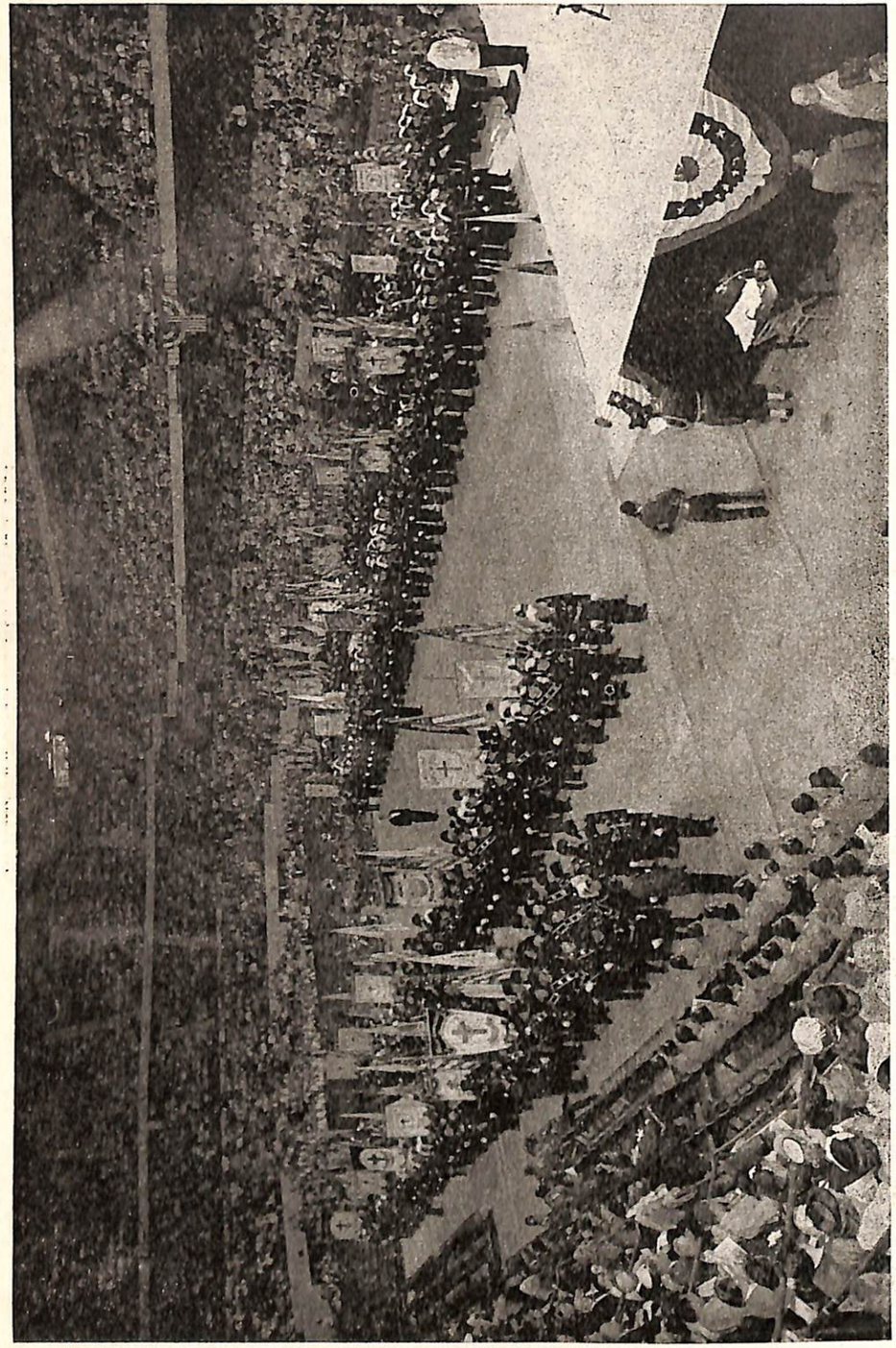
## "ALL MASONIC NIGHT BOSTON GARDEN, JUNE 2, 1956"

Featuring the All Masonic Night, sponsored by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, at the Boston Garden on Saturday June 2, was the entrance of officers and Sir Knights representing 32 Commanderies as escort for the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Representation was as follows: *Boston Commandery* under Eminent Sir John Reid, 40 Sir Knights; *Newburyport No. 3* with 25 Sir Knights, Em. Sir C. J. Toothaker; *Worcester County No. 5*, Em. Sir J. E. Eaton, with 20 Sir Knights; *DeMolay No. 7*, Em. Sir J. L. Churchill, 30 Sir Knights; *Holy Sepulchre No. 8*, Em. Sir F. J. Carter, 18 Sir Knights; *Palestine No. 10*, Em. Sir C. W. Pearson, 14 Sir Knights; *Milford No. 11*, Em. Sir Yandell Anderson, 25 Sir Knights; *Haverhill No. 14*, Em. Sir R. H. Palmer, 5 Sir Knights; *Old Colony No. 15*, Em. Sir O. H. Ramo, 6 Sir Knights; *Winslow Lewis No. 18*, Em. Sir S. R. Harriman, 8 Sir Knights; *Jerusalem No. 19*, Em. Sir W. W. Cross, 34 Sir Knights; *Hugh de Payens No. 20*, Em. Sir T. H. A. Folland, 25 Sir Knights; *St. Omer No. 21*, Em. Sir H. R. Parker, 23 Sir Knights; *Berkshire No. 22*, Em. Sir K. O. Lepisto, 6 Sir Knights; *Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25*, Em. Sir B. F. Hathaway, 14 Sir Knights; *Joseph Warren No. 26*, Em. Sir J. R. Bush, 25 Sir Knights; *South Shore No. 31*, Em. Sir W. F. Keefe, 18 Sir Knights; *Trinity No: 32*, Em. Sir E. B. Beede, 16 Sir Knights; *Natick No. 33*, Em. Sir H. L. Harper, 15 Sir Knights; *Coeur de Lion No. 34*, Em. Sir H. W. Toothaker, 35 Sir Knights; *Gethsemane No. 35*, Em. Sir K. J. White, 30 Sir Knights; *Olivet No. 36*, Em. Sir R. R. Long, 27 Sir Knights; *Bay State No. 38*, Em. Sir R. P. Lays, 40 Sir Knights; *Cyprus No. 39*, Em. Sir C. L. Crawford, 18 Sir Knights; *Beauseant No. 41*, Em. Sir C. R. Wright, 30 Sir Knights; *Cambridge No. 42*, Em. Sir H. F. Bowlby, 23 Sir Knights; *Ivanhoe No. 46*, Em. Sir C. J. Saunders, 8 Sir Knights; *Quincy No. 47*, Em. Sir D. M. Deware, 30 Sir Knights; *Temple No. 48*, Em. Sir J. D. Marden, 18 Sir Knights; *Reading No. 50*, Em. Sir E. W. Goss, 25 Sir Knights; *Thomas Smith Webb No. 51*, Em. Sir T. C. Brown, 11 Sir Knights; *Sir Galahad No. 52*, 13 Sir Knights, Em. Sir J. I. Carlson, — a total of 675 uniformed Templars.





GRAND COMMANDER, MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER AND OFFICERS PASSING THROUGH LINES IN BOSTON GARDEN ON ALL-MASONIC NIGHT, JUNE 2, 1956



675 SIR KNIGHTS STAND AT ATTENTION IN BOSTON GARDEN ON ALL MASONIC NIGHT, JUNE 2, 1956



*Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights:*

In the June issue of *The Templar* I stated "this will be my last opportunity to address you before the end of our Commandery statistical year (which ends on June 30th)." But I would be remiss if I did not make some expression of my appreciation for your splendid cooperation, and to extend my congratulations to the 32 Commanders who accepted my invitation to act as my escort on the occasion of the "All-Masonic Night," sponsored by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, held in Boston Garden on Saturday, June 2nd

These Commanderies — with their Colors and Banners and Uniformed Sir Knights totalling *675* — loyally complied with my earnest request to assure a colorful and impressive display of Templary on this great occasion. Added to the above number were 17 Grand Commandery officers. I have been informed that including the special guests on the stage and sitting in the boxes, the Band, Patrol, Chanters, Oriental Band, Degree Staff and Temple Guards, more than 1,000 Sir Knights had an active part in this display — before an audience of more than 16,000! Surely, that was an event to make each and every one of us proud to be called a Knight Templar.

I congratulate Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., General Chairman, for his painstaking efforts in arranging all the details, the split-second timing, and the handling of such a large group, with seemingly very little effort and a total lack of confusion — without rehearsals. Surely, Templary was on display in all its glory, marching to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one who participated in the above event with a determination to carry out our Grand Master's slogan for "A Revitalized and Greater Templary."

Courteously yours,

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
*Grand Commander*

# THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE
# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND
THE APPENDANT ORDERS
OF
# MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, OCTOBER 29, 1956

The One Hundred and Fifty-Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in Full Form at 9:30 A.M., Monday, October 29, 1956 in the Masonic Temple in the City of Boston, Massachusetts. Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder presided. Divine Blessing was asked by Sir Knight and Reverend Frank B. Crandall, Grand Prelate.

At this time the Report of the Credential Committee showed 176 Sir Knights present representing 45 Commanderies.

## GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

Sir Kt. MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER . . . . . *R.E. Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. THOMAS A. BOOTH. . . . . *V.E. Deputy Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. DWIGHT C. PAGE . . . . . *E. Grand Generalissimo*
Sir Kt. ALFRED C. BLAKE . . . . . *E. Grand Captain General*
Sir Kt. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY . . . . . *E. Grand Senior Warden*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE E. BOOTH. . . . . *E. Grand Junior Warden*
Sir Kt. FRANK B. CRANDALL . . . . . *E. Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. OTIS L. MASON . . . . . *E. Associate Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. A. KENNETH MARTIN . . . . . *R.E. Grand Treasurer*
Sir Kt. GEORGE A. WEEKS . . . . . *R.E. Grand Recorder*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND L. HALL . . . . . *E.;Grand Standard Bearer*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS . . . . . *E. Grand Sword Bearer*
Sir Kt. CHARLES W. GURDY . . . . . *E. Grand Warder*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. WEST . . . . . *E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE R. DAVIS . . . . . *E. Grand Sentinel*
Sir Kt. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN . . . . . *E. Division Commander*
Sir Kt. GILBERT G. MACHON . . . . . *E. Division Commander*
Sir Kt. CLYDE L. CARTER . . . . . *E. Inspector Instructor*

## PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

M∴E∴SIR HARRY G. POLLARD
R∴E∴SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES
R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON
R∴E∴SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN
R∴E∴ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
R∴E∴SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY
R∴E∴SIR HARRIE M. TAFT
R∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now, if the officers, who have been chosen to present the Grand Officers, will retire at this time, I will immediately send to receive them. Eminent Captain of the Guard, you will form an Escort and retire to escort our Distinguished Guests.



## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT

R∴E∴SIR JOHN J. BAHN, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New York — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON.

R∴E∴SIR EDWARD W. CURTIS, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Vermont — Introduced by Em. SIR N. RUSSELL LYNN.

R∴E∴SIR HOWARD TANSLEY JOSLYN, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Hampshire — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES.

R∴E∴SIR FRANK L. RAND, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of State of Connecticut — Introduced by EM. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU.

R∴E∴SIR WINSTON R. JAGGER, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Maine — Introduced by M∴E∴SIR HARRY G. POLLARD.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE R. SAUNDERS, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Jersey — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR

R∴E∴SIR ROLAND S, MARSHALL, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Maryland — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR HARRIE M. TAFT.

R∴E∴SIR ARCHIBALD C. STARK, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the District of Columbia — Introduced by R∴E∴ HAROLD S. CROCKER.

ILL. CLAUDE LEROY ALLEN 33° Active member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Massachusetts for Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of U.S.A.

SIR KT. DONALD VOSE, 1st. Lt. Commander of Massachusetts Consistory — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN.

MOST ILL. FRANK H. WILSON, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

MOST ILL. ROBERT M. BRAYTON, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island — Introduced by EM. SIR EUGENE B. HAMILTON.

MOST EX. WILLIAM F. CLARK, Past Grand High Priest representing the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

EX. JOHN D. NELSON, Past High Priest representing the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE.

R∴E∴SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY, Department Commander of the Grand Encampment K.T. of U.S.A., Northeastern Division — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS.

R∴E∴SIR and REV. ROBERT E. CHABLE, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of the Grand Master, Most Eminent Sir Walter A. Delamater of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE.

MOST WOR. WHITFIELD W. JOHNSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

MOST WOR. BERTRAM CLARKE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Most Ancient and Honorable Society Free and Accepted Masons for Rhode Island and Providence Plantations — Introduced by R∴E∴SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, be seated. Sir Knight Captain of the Guard, dismiss the Escort.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time, I will ask the R∴E∴ Grand Recorder to call the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives.

## ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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| Alabama | E∴SIR WILLIAM TURNER |
| Arizona | R∴E∴SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY |
| Arkansas | E∴SIR CHARLES W. GURDY |
| California | R∴E∴SIR CLARENCE E. BURLEIGH |
| Colorado | E∴SIR ROBERT E. POWELL |
| Connecticut | E∴SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU |
| District of Columbia | R∴E∴SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER |
| Florida | E∴SIR HERBERT F. SAWYER |
| Georgia | E∴SIR JAMES R. HOOPER |
| Illinois | E∴SIR WILLIAM C. MCCORMICK |
| Indiana | E∴SIR FRANK BROWN ELLS |
| Iowa | E∴SIR PRESCOTT W. EATON |
| Kansas | E∴SIR RICHARD E. GOFF |
| Kentucky | E∴SIR HAROLD L. BURR |
| Louisiana | E∴SIR WILLIAM S. COOPER |
| Maryland | R∴E∴SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER |
| Michigan | E∴SIR WILLIAM F. CLARK |
| Minnesota | E∴SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH |
| Mississippi | E∴SIR CLYDE L. CARTER |
| Missouri | M∴E∴SIR HARRY G. POLLARD |
| Montana | E∴SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE |
| Nebraska | E∴SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE |
| Nevada | E∴SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL |
| New Hampshire | R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES |
| New Jersey | R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR. |
| New York | R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON |
| North Carolina | E∴SIR JAMES B. HENRY |
| North Dakota | E∴SIR WILLIAM H. EVANS |
| Ohio | R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS |
| Oklahoma | E∴SIR EVERETT B. BYLES |
| Oregon | E∴SIR GEORGE RINGCHRIST |
| Pennsylvania | R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN |
| South Carolina | E∴SIR N. RUSSELL LYNN |
| South Dakota | E∴SIR HERBERT Y. FOLLETT |
| Tennessee | E∴SIR EIGNAR RINGQUIST |
| Utah | E∴SIR JOHN J. MICK |
| Virginia | E∴SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS |
| Washington | R∴E∴SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE |
| West Virginia | R∴E∴SIP HARRIE M. TAFT |
| Wisconsin | E∴SIR WALTER C. FURBER |
| Wyoming | R∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE |

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, my sincere thanks and appreciation to you Representatives who have answered the Roll Call here today. I know that your duties will be well taken care of. I simply ask that you extend my sincere greetings and best wishes to the Grand Commanderies you represent and notify them of anything that has happened in this Grand Commandery that you deem may be of interest to them. I thank you sincerely for reporting today.



BOSTON, MASS., OCTOBER 29, 1956

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

*To the Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

Another year has come and gone, with its vicissitudes of fortune and we, thanks to the bountiful goodness of the Grand Commander of the Universe, once more greet each other and are, in the beautiful language of one gone before me, "again assembled in Annual Conclave, the representatives and advocates of a cause which we believe has been, is now, and which we hope with the assistance of our efforts, will continue to be, one of the world's great forces for good." Enlisted, as we are, under the banner of Emmanuel, we should at all times proclaim our allegiance to the Cross and so deport ourselves, as, when our earthly pilgrimage shall have ended — with sword and buckler laid aside — to be entitled to receive the reward which awaits the Valiant and Magnanimous Templar.

I therefore extend to all of you, especially to our distinguished guests, a hearty and Knightly welcome to this the 153rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

I have tried to take advantage of every opportunity to express to the various Commanderies, the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Commandery for the splendid cooperation they have given to promote the cause of Templary in their community.

We held our Semi-Annual Conclave in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on May 19, 1956, and I would like to take this opportunity to express the thanks of this Grand Commandery to Eminent Sir Wilfred William Cross, Commander of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T., Eminent Sir Clarence E. Booth, Grand Junior Warden, and the Sir Knights of Jerusalem Commandery for their cooperation in making our Semi-Annual Conclave a success.

There are again vacancies in our ranks as many here and throughout our cherished land have answered the Final Roll Call. It is with deep regret that I must record the passing of one of our Past Grand Commanders who has answered the final call to the arms of our Great Creator: Sir Knight Harrison Hyslop, who departed on September 25, 1956. We all appreciate the many years of service that this Sir Knight gave so willingly to Templary.

At this time, we will suspend and listen to the Report of the Committee on Necrology.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Boston, Mass., October 29, 1956

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery:*

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Necrology presents its Annual Report for the year ending September 1, 1955 to August 31, 1956.

The Records note the departure of Sir Knight Harrison Hyslop, Past Commander of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 and Past Grand Commander (1938–39) of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Recorded also is the departure of 420 Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction, 18 Past Grand Commanders and 6 Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Our brother Knights, who have passed through the Green Gate that Leads to the life of the world to come, are mourned by their Fraters of this beloved Society. Their earthly pilgrimage is completed. Their warfare for God and the Right has ended with peace and victory. They have accomplished the discipline of penitence. In pious memory of great and noble servants of God and mankind in the past ages, they have received the chalice and partaken of the pure wine of the Sir Knights' last earthly sacrament. By this sacred Action, they have sealed their faith as they await the Reunion when they shall drink the fruit of the vine anew in the Kingdom of God.

We, their Fraters, here remaining, hold these beloved Sir Knights in our hearts in fond memory. We commend their souls to God who gave them.

We pray that God may rest their souls in peace, to rise again in newness of life and that the Light Perpetual may shine upon their path as they progress onward and upward in the life of the world to come.

To all loved ones who mourn our beloved Sir Knights, whom we remember today and whose names are appended hereto and made a part thereof, we offer the Knightly sympathy of all the Members of this Grand Commandery and the Comfort of the Templar Faith. With them we look forward to the time when God's will is done in the final reunion of all souls. In faith we bless ourselves with the sign of the Cross in which we shall conquer.

Courteously submitted,

REV. FRANK B. CRANDALL, *Chairman*
REV. OTIS L. MASON



## DECEASED MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

| *Commandery* | *Past Commander* | *Date of Death* |
|---|---|---|
| St. John's No. 1 | Albert W. Claflin | June 18, 1955 |
| Worcester County No. 5 | Harry Pearl McAllister | Jan. 29, 1956 |
| Springfield No. 6 | Leolyn Fredette Speare | Nov. 17, 1955 |
| | George E. C. Kelley | Dec. 26, 1955 |
| De Molay No. 7 | Howard A. Gray | April 23, 1956 |
| Holy Sepulchre No. 8 | Henry A. Street | Mar. 16, 1956 |
| Milford No. 11 | Ernest B. Nason | July 24, 1956 |
| St. Bernard No. 12 | Edward Nicholas Chase | May 23, 1956 |
| Haverhill No. 14 | Otto Walter Stark | Feb. 10, 1956 |
| | Charles Albert Canney | Nov. 15, 1955 |
| Old Colony No. 15 | Myles S. Weston | Oct. 26, 1955 |
| Sutton No. 16 | Stephen H. Taylor | Nov. 22, 1955 |
| Bethany No. 17 | Harry Wilkinson | Mar. 12, 1956 |
| | William Henry Glover | Jan. 21, 1956 |
| Jerusalem No. 19 | George W. Hyatt | April 14, 1956 |
| | Richard C. Fosdick | Aug. 30, 1956 |
| | James E. Eteson | Aug. 4, 1956 |
| Hugh de Payens No. 20 | Ralph R. Nelson | Aug. 27, 1955 |
| Berkshire No. 22 | Daniel Clarence Gage | Feb. 26, 1956 |
| | Harris Walter Bastow | Feb. 5, 1956 |
| Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25 | Robert Andrew Thompson | May 30, 1956 |
| | Albert Edward Smith | Jan. 13, 1956 |
| Joseph Warren No. 26 | James George Hutchinson | Feb. 2, 1956 |
| Olivet No. 36 | Arthur J. Higgins | Oct. 26, 1955 |
| | Everett B. Stacey | July 19, 1956 |
| St. Paul No. 40 | Horace Snape | May 31, 1956 |
| | Karl Frederick Kroch | Sept. 25, 1955 |
| Quincy No. 47 | Henry Plummer Furnald | Sept. 22, 1955 |

## DECEASED PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | R∴E∴SIR LLEWELLYN ROTH HILLYER | Feb. 25, 1956 |
| Arkansas | R∴E∴SIR WADDY WILLIAM MOORE | Jan. 23, 1956 |
| California | R∴E∴SIR MILFORD BARNETT BATES | Feb. 5, 1956 |
| Colorado | R∴E∴SIR GEORGE B. TELLER | Dec. 4, 1955 |
| Indiana | R∴E∴SIR JOHN TIMS BOYD | Mar. 26, 1956 |
| Kentucky | R∴E∴SIR CHARLES EVERETT PATERSON | Feb. 21, 1956 |
| Louisiana | R∴E∴SIR CORNELIUS MARION HUTTON | Aug. 29, 1956 |
| Montana | R∴E∴SIR JOHN TURNEY ORR | May 24, 1956 |
| Nevada | R∴E∴SIR HENRY C. SCHMIDT | Feb. 21, 1956 |
| New Mexico | R∴E∴SIR CHRISTOPHER A. BARNARD | Dec. 22, 1956 |
| | R∴E∴SIR JOHN WALLACE HALL | April 6, 1956 |
| New York | R∴E∴SIR ARTHUR LOUIS LEE | July 20, 1956 |
| North Dakota | R∴E∴SIR JOHN ALLEN GRAHAM | Jan. 27, 1956 |
| Oregon | R∴E∴SIR LUKE FAY KNOWLTON | Feb. 28, 1956 |
| | R∴E∴SIR RALPH ERNEST SWEENEY | Oct. 14, 1955 |
| Tennessee | R∴E∴SIR MARLIN MADISON ALLEN | June 10, 1956 |
| Virginia | R∴E∴SIR BYRD LEAVELL | Jan. 17, 1956 |
| Washington | R∴E∴SIR GEORGE FRANCIS CHILDS | Jan. 28, 1956 |

## DECEASED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| Florida | Sir Knight FRANK MANVILLE PUMPHREY<br>*Grand Junior Warden* | April 3, 1956 |

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| Maine | Sir Knight Benjamin Levi Hadley<br>*Past Grand Senior Warden* | Dec. 28, 1955 |
| | Sir Knight Convers Edward Leach<br>*Grand Recorder* | May 6, 1956 |
| Michigan | Sir Knight John Chassell Condon<br>*Grand Recorder* | April 4, 1956 |
| Nebraska | Sir Knight Donald L. Wilhotte<br>*Grand Captain General* | Feb. 10, 1956 |
| Texas | Sir Knight Austin Edward Clarkson<br>*Grand Treasurer Emeritus* | May 10, 1956 |

## THE TEMPLAR

Through the continued publication of *The Templar* each month, and augmented by a statistical sheet, by Em. Sir J. Leroy Jones, Chairman of the Membership and Promotional Activities Committee, which gave the standings and progress of each of our Constituent Commanderies, we have tried to keep all our Sir Knights informed as to what was happening in the various Commanderies.

I would suggest that, when the Commandery Officers have finished with their copies, these copies be made available to the Sir Knights in their respective Commanderies.

It is my sincere hope that this splendid publication will be continued by your new Grand Commander.

## MEMBERSHIP

For the *Ninth* consecutive year, this Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island can report a New Gain in Membership as of June 30, 1956 of 37 Sir Knights.

From September 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, we received 722 petitions, which is below the estimated quota as suggested by Grand Encampment "that our Quota be 10% of the total membership."

We knighted 642, affiliated 14 and reinstated 15 and our total membership as of June 30, 1956 is 14,760 Sir Knights.

A complete report on our membership will be given by the Membership Committee later in our Conclave today.

## INSPECTIONS

It is a pleasure to report that each Commandery held its Annual Inspection in accordance with the schedule assigned.

At my officers' meeting, I instructed my Division Commanders that no Commandery was required to do the Full Order of the Temple on the night of Inspection, and that if any Commandery did so, it would be at their request and no credit would be given on their mark for the extra work done. Two Commanderies:



Boston Commandery No. 2 K.T., and Bay State Commandery No. 38 K.T., worked the complete "Order of the Temple."

The Time Schedule was as follows:

6:00 P.M. Full Form Opening
6:30 P.M. Recess for Dinner
7:45 P.M. Form the Lines
OFFICIAL COUNT
Inspection and Review
Work beginning with Fifth Libation Triangle Formation through the Knighting, and the Flags

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to each Division Commander for his cooperation during the Past Grand Commandery Year.

## MARKING

The Division Commanders used the following Group System for Marking:

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| 10 minus | 985 to 1000 |
| 9 plus | 940 to 985 |
| 9 | 900 to 940 |
| 9 minus | 875 to 900 |
| 8 plus | 840 to 875 |
| 8 | 800 to 840 |
| All below 800, 8 minus | |

## CITATIONS
## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Grand Commandery realizes that a Commandery should be rewarded for outstanding achievements:

Citations are given "in recognition and appreciation of outstanding achievements" which stand as a mark of distinction in Promotional Activities during our year ending June 30, 1956.

I take pleasure at this time in making the following presentations for the following Commanderies:

Sir Kt. Chester L. Crawford, Eminent Commander of Cyprus Commandery No. 39 K.T. 245% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Howard L. Harper, Eminent Commander of Natick Commandery No. 33 K.T. 234% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Thomas C. Brown, Eminent Commander of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 K.T. 200% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Benjamin F. Hathaway, Eminent Commander of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25 K.T. 175% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Wilfred W. Cross, Eminent Commander of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T. 166% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Herman W. Toothaker, Eminent Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34 K.T. 145% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Joseph I. Gaskill, Jr., Eminent Commander of Northampton Commandery No. 30 K.T. 138% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Morris F. Allen, Eminent Commander of St. Andrew Commandery No. 49 K.T. 133% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Clayton B. Wright, Eminent Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 41 K.T. 133% of his Quota

Sir Kt. L. Dana Vibert, Eminent Commander of Bethlehem Commandery No. 43 K.T. 130% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Clifton J. Toothaker, Eminent Commander of Newburyport Commander No. 3 K.T. 128% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Kenneth J. Waite, Eminent Commander of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T. 107% of his Quota

Sir Kt. John L. Churchill, Eminent Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 7 K.T. 106% of his Quota

Sir Kt. Roger P. Layes, Eminent Commander of Bay State Commandery No. 38 K.T. 100% of his Quota

It is interesting to note that the "100% Club" includes large, medium and small commanderies; some that are well established, and some that are laboring under difficulties. It is an honor to belong to the "100% Club."

## ORDER OF MERIT BADGE

The Order of Merit was established by R∴E∴Sir William S. Hamilton during his year as Grand Commander. It is presented to a Sir Knight who has rendered distinguished service and distinction upon our Order.

The administration of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Fund is of vital importance to our Grand Commandery. One problem is to see that this money is loaned to worthy students, and, the other is to find ways and means of collecting some of the loans that are not forthcoming on the due dates.

Seven years ago Eminent Sir Clarence R. Davis was appointed to the Educational Foundation Committee and the following year, was elected Chairman of the Committee. Eminent Sir Davis has given unstintedly of his time and efforts with no thought of fees or reward.



On Wednesday, January 25th, 1956, I presented Em. Sir Clarence R. Davis with the Merit Badge as a token of appreciation for his outstanding services to the Educational Foundation and his work with the Malta Degree Team of DeMolay Commandery No. 7.

## PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

The members of the Patriotic Activities Committee headed by your Right Eminent Grand Commander and 20 Officers of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, attended the morning service at the Old North Church on Sunday morning, November 13, 1955, and presented a check for $500.00 to be used toward the Steeple Fund of that historic Church.

I appointed Very Eminent Sir Thomas A. Booth, Deputy Grand Commander, Chairman of the Patriotic Activities Committees for the Commandery year 1955–1956, and all Division Commanders are members of that Committee.

## LADIES' NIGHT

The members of the "Past Grand Commanders' Wives' Association" were the guests of Grand Commandery at the "Joint Ladies' Night" sponsored by the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templar Commanders and the Presiding Councils Club held at the Hotel Beaconsfield, Brookline, on Saturday evening, April 14th, and all enjoyed the very fine dinner and entertainment.

More than 200 Sir Knights and their ladies attended this outstanding social event.

## "ALL-MASONIC NIGHT"

An invitation was extended to your Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and the Officers and Sir Knights of our Constituent Commanderies to be the guest of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. at the "All-Masonic Night" to be held in the Boston Garden on Saturday evening June 2, 1956 (this is covered in my Official Order No. 4 under date of April 12, 1956).

I would be remiss if I did not make some comment at this time to express my thanks to my Grand Commandery Officers and to the Officers and Sir Knights of the 32 Constituent Commanderies who accepted my invitation to act as my escort on this occasion.

These Commanderies — with their Colors and Banners and uniformed Sir Knights totaling 675 — loyally complied with my earnest request to assure a colorful and impressive display of Templary on this great occasion. Added to the above number were 17 Grand Commandery Officers. I have been informed that including the special guests on the stage and sitting in the boxes,

the Band, Patrol, Chanters, Oriental Band, Degree Staff, and the Temple Guards — more than 1,000 Sir Knights had an active part in this display — before an audience of more than 16,000! Surely that was an event to make each and every one of us proud to be called a Knight Templar.

I congratulate Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., General Chairman, for his painstaking efforts in arranging all the details, the split-second timing, and the handling of such a large group, with seemingly very little effort and a total lack of confusion — without rehearsals. Surely Templary was on display in all its glory, marching to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

## ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America held its 26th Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington National Cemetery located directly across the Potomac River in Virginia opposite the District of Columbia, on Easter Sunday morning, April 1, 1956.

The address on this occasion was delivered by the Reverend Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts. The traditional Cross of Lilies was placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and music was furnished by the United States Marine Band.

After the service, the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia sponsored a breakfast at the Washington Hotel for the Sir Knights and their Ladies.

## "TEMPLAR NIGHT AT THE POPS"

On Tuesday evening, June 5, 1956, the "Annual Templar Night at the Pops" which was again sponsored by the Eastern Presiding Councils Club, was held in Symphony Hall, Boston. This event was a sell-out.

The "Pops Night" has been the source of raising funds for donations to Templar Activities and other worthy causes, and I consider it a very worthy undertaking and warrants the support of each Sir Knight.

## "CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER"

Official Order No. 1, under date of November 1, 1955 requesting contributions for the purpose of carrying "Good Cheer and Good Will" into the homes of the needy, was sent to each Constituent Commandery. This is a direct appeal from the Grand Commander to all Sir Knights in our Jurisdiction to make a contribution to this very worthy cause.



Fifty Commanderies contributed a total of $8,657.68 which is $100.17 less than the amount contributed in 1954.

Since the beginning of this Christmas Activity in 1931, we have collected and expended $152,831.93 but our total collections are still short of our Quota of $1.00 per each Sir Knight.

## FINANCES

Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution and Regulations of our Grand Commandery require: "that a Grand Commander keep his expenditures within the Budget as submitted by the Finance Committee and adopted by this Grand Commandery."

Although the Income received from Candidates' fees did not reach the figure which was anticipated in the Estimated Budget for 1955–1956, I am pleased to report that we expended only $16,344.82 against the Estimated Budget of $16,828.00.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

It is with sincere thanks that I acknowledge the Honorary Memberships in the following Bodies:

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| Bristol Commandery No. 29 | Attleboro, Mass. |
| Thomas Smith Webb No. 51 | Cranston, R. I. |
| Vermont Past Commanders' Association | Vermont |
| Maine Past Commanders' Association | Maine |

## YORK RITE NITES

There were Four York Rite Nites held during my year, which were as follows:

November 4, 1955 — Cranston, Rhode Island
November 16, 1955 — Leominster, Massachusetts sponsored the Leominster-Fitchburg Shrine Club
November 19, 1955 — Holyoke, Massachusetts
April 21, 1956 — Amherst, Massachusetts

I would like to thank Very Eminent Sir Thomas A. Booth for representing me at the York Rite Night held at Cranston, Rhode Island.

I feel that these gatherings are of great benefit to all York Rite Bodies, and that they should be continued throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

## VISITATIONS

During 1955–1956, I was present at the Annual Conclaves of the following Grand Commanderies:

Grand Commandery of New Jersey held at Atlantic City, N. J.
Grand Commandery of Maine held at Portland, Maine

Grand Commandery of New Hampshire held at Keene, New Hampshire
Grand Commandery of Vermont held at Bellows Falls, Vermont
Grand Commandery of Maryland held at Baltimore, Maryland
Grand Commandery of Virginia held at Petersburg, Virginia, and
100th Anniversary of Scottish Rite Bodies of Rhode Island held at Providence, Rhode Island.

I have filled 130 engagements during my year including Inspections.

## RECEPTION

On November 5, 1955, I was tendered a dinner and reception by my own Commandery, Beauseant Commandery No. 41 K.T. at the Masonic Temple in Melrose, Massachusetts. A very fine dinner followed by a reception and entertainment was enjoyed by all present on this fine occasion.

During the evening I was presented with a Hamilton Masonic Watch and the Grand Commanders' Sword of our Past Grand Commander Sir Kt. Charles F. White. My Grand Warder, Em. Sir Charles W. Gurdy was presented with a Waltham Watch.

## PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

I would like at this time to express my thanks to Em. Sir J. Leroy Jones, Chairman and the members of his Committee for the work which they did during the past year.

Although we did not obtain the anticipated number of candidates, I feel that the effects of their work will show results in the coming year.

## THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

During 1955–1956, twenty-one Commanderies presented 147 Thomas Smith Webb Medals for "40 Year Veterans."

| | |
|---|---|
| Newburyport No. 3 | 3 |
| Springfield No. 6 | 43 |
| DeMolay No. 7 | 5 |
| Holy Sepulchre No. 8 | 8 |
| Palestine No. 10 | 3 |
| St. Bernard No. 12 | 2 |
| Calvary No. 13 | 21 |
| Sutton No. 16 | 8 |
| Jerusalem No. 19 | 2 |
| St. Omer No. 21 | 2 |
| Berkshire No. 22 | 13 |
| Joseph Warren No. 26 | 6 |
| Trinity No. 32 | 3 |
| Olivet No. 36 | 4 |



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|---|---|
| Athol No. 37 | 2 |
| Bay State No. 38 | 4 |
| Beauseant No. 41 | 12 |
| Cambridge No. 42 | 1 |
| Orange No. 45 | 1 |
| Quincy No. 47 | 2 |
| Temple No. 48 | 2 |
| Total | 147 |

## FIFTY YEAR BARS

During 1955–1956, six Commanderies presented 61 "Fifty Year Bars."

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|---|---|
| Springfield No. 6 | 24 |
| Jerusalem No. 19 | 12 |
| Joseph Warren No. 26 | 16 |
| Trinity No. 32 | 1 |
| Gethsemane No. 35 | 3 |
| Beauseant No. 41 | 3 |
| Temple No. 48 | 2 |
| Total | 61 |

## DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND BALLOT ON SAME AT THE CONCLAVE OR SPECIAL CONCLAVE

In accordance with the specific powers granted to the Grand Commander in Article VIII Section 2 of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Commandery to permit Constituent Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same Conclave after such notice as he may deem proper, I granted,

Dispensations to Receive and Ballot, during 1955–1956, upon petitions at the same Conclave were:

| Number of Petitions | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | October 17, 1955 | St. Omer Commandery No. 21 |
| 2 | October 19, 1955 | Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 |
| 1 | October 25, 1955 | South Shore Commandery No. 31 |
| 1 | October 25, 1955 | Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 |
| 1 | October 26, 1955 | Cyprus Commandery No. 39 |
| 1 | November 15, 1955 | Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 |
| 8 | November 15, 1955 | Boston Commandery No. 2 |
| 9 | November 16, 1955 | DeMolay Commandery No. 7 |
| 3 | December 19, 1955 | Springfield Commandery No. 6 |
| 1 | December 19, 1955 | Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25 |

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | December 29, 1955 | Springfield Commandery No. 6 |
| 1 | January 13, 1956 | Calvary Commandery No. 13 |
| 1 | January 23, 1956 | Springfield Commandery No. 6 |
| 8 | March 13, 1956 | Sutton Commandery No. 16 |
| 1 | March 15, 1956 | Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 |
| 10 | March 19, 1956 | Springfield Commandery No. 6 |
| 2 | March 22, 1956 | DeMolay Commandery No. 7 |
| 1 | April 4, 1956 | Calvary Commandery No. 13 |
| 1 | April 23, 1956 | Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 |
| 4 | May 4, 1956 | Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 |
| 2 | May 22, 1956 | Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 |
| 2 | May 22, 1956 | Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 |
| 2 | May 22, 1956 | Boston Commandery No. 2 |
| 5 | May 23, 1956 | De Molay Commandery No. 7 |
| 5 | May 28, 1956 | Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 |
| 1 | May 31, 1956 | Bethany Commandery No. 17 |
| 1 | June 5, 1956 | Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 |

## DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES

October 10, 1955 — Athol Commandery No. 37 K. T., to hold a Special Election for the office of Captain General.

October 21, 1955 — Bethany Commandery No. 17 K.T., to hold a Special Election and Installation for the office of Junior Warden.

November 1, 1955 — Olivet Commandery No. 36 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the office of Trustee.

November 15, 1955 — Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34 K.T., to work the Royal Arch Degree in Mystic Royal Arch Chapter on January 12, 1956.

November 18, 1955 — Springfield Commandery No. 6 K.T., to hold a Special Election for a new corps of officers due to the death of the Commander.

December 8, 1955 — Haverhill Commandery No. 14 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the offices of Recorder and Junior Warden.

December 22, 1955 — St. Andrew Commandery No. 49 K.T. to confer the Royal Arch Degree on a class of candidates for Mt. Holyoke Chapter R.A.M., Holyoke, Mass.

January 25, 1956 — Bethlehem Commandery No. 43 K.T., to hold their Annual Inspection at Spiran Hall, Rockport, Mass.

March 22, 1956 — Haverhill Commandery No. 14 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the office of Commander and such other officers as necessary.



April 5, 1956 — Newburyport Commandery No. 3 K.T., to work the Third Degree in St. Johns Lodge, Newburyport.

April 6, 1956 — Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T., to hold their Annual Inspection in Memorial Hall, Melrose due to an emergency.

May 8, 1956 — St. Omer Commandery No. 21 K.T., to work the Royal Arch Degree in St. Matthew's Royal Arch Chapter.

May 8, 1956 — Sutton Commandery No. 16 to make a Pilgrimage to Falmouth, Massachusetts for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple.

August 1, 1956 — Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T., to hold their Annual Conclave and Installation of officers in Memorial Hall, Melrose, Mass.

## RELEASE OF JURISDICTION RECEIVED

November 7, 1955 — St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion Leon Lamuelle Dow, Plaistow, New Hampshire to Newburyport Commandery No. 3 K.T., Newburyport, Mass.

February 15, 1956 — St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion Alan Howard Stubbs, Salem, New Hampshire, to Bethany Commandery No. 17, Lawrence, Mass.

March 15, 1956 — St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion Moses Clifton Pattee, Newton, New Hampshire to Haverhill Commandery No. 14 K.T., Haverhill, Mass.

March 26, 1956 — Washington Commandery No. 1, Hartford, Connecticut granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion Robert Savoy Harrington, Somers, Connecticut to Springfield Commandery No. 6 K.T., Springfield, Massachusetts.

April 17, 1956 — St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion Stone Knight, Seabrook, New Hampshire to Newburyport Commandery No. 3 K.T., Newburyport, Massachusetts.

## COURTESIES RECEIVED

July 9, 1956 — Damascus Commandery No. 2 K.T., Jacksonville, Florida conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Companion Ralph Leslie Ackerman for Old Colony Commandery No. 15, Abington, Massachusetts.

August 1, 1956 — Porto Rico Commandery No. 1 K.T., San Juan, Porto Rico conferred the Order of the Temple on Companion Joseph Martin Jarvis for Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25 K.T., Fall River, Massachusetts.

## PERMISSION TO INVADE RECEIVED

November 20, 1955 — Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T., Melrose, Massachusetts to visit St. Albion Commandery No. 8, Portland, Maine for the purpose of putting on the Order of Malta in full form.

November 22, 1955 — Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T., Melrose, Massachusetts to visit Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19 K.T., Easton, Pennsylvania.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

November 28, 1955 — Maryland, R∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder, Grand Commander as Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

November 29, 1955 — Arkansas, Em. Sir Charles W. Gurdy, Grand Warder as Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

December 1, 1955 — Florida, Em. Sir Herbert F. Sawyer, as Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

December 2, 1955 — Nebraska, Em. Sir Dwight C. Page, Grand Generalissimo as Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

December 5, 1955 — New Hampshire, Em. Sir C. Wesley Lyons as their Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

## APPRECIATION

No Grand Commander could have finer cooperation than I have received during the past year, especially from our Past Grand Commanders whose wise counsel has guided me over some of the rough roads encountered during the year. I am grateful to the Line Officers, especially to those who were present during visits to Commandery Inspections.

Words are inadequate to convey my thanks to the Grand Treasurer, Rt. Eminent Sir A. Kenneth Martin, the Grand Recorder Rt. Eminent Sir George A. Weeks, and the secretary, Miss Dorothy M. Fowler, who have cooperated so graciously when called upon.



## CONCLUSION

Now, Sir Knights, I have rendered an account of my stewardship, and if I have done aught that does not meet with your entire approval, I trust that you will cover my faults and shortcomings, whatever they may have been, with the mantle of charity, assuring you that I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my office conscientiously and with the determination of making an honest effort to transmit to my worthy successor the badge of office as untarnished as when it was placed in my hands.

I will ever hold in grateful appreciation the high honor conferred upon me, the highest in your hands to bestow, ever feel grateful for the many words of encouragement, good cheer and knightly courtesies which I have received at your hands.

And now, Sir Knights, my work is done, and in a few short hours the sceptre of authority will be transmitted to my worthy successor, bespeaking for him the same kind consideration so generously bestowed on me, I pray that the blessings of Heaven may rest upon you and All Sir Knights, wherever dispersed, that peace, harmony, and Knightly courtesy will ever prevail, and every moral and social virtue unite and cement us still more closely together in the fraternal bonds of Christian Knighthood.

Courteously,

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
*Grand Commander*

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Right Eminent Sir, may I address a motion to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: You may.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, I recommend that the report of the Grand Commander be accepted, spread upon, and printed in the records of our Proceedings.

V∴E∴SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH: Sir Knights, you have the motion of our Grand Recorder. All in favor extend the sword arm. Those opposed, the bridle arm. So carried.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time I am going to call on one of our distinguished guests who will address you at this time. It is my pleasure to present to you Most Worshipful Whitfield W. Johnson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

M∴W∴WHITFIELD W. JOHNSON: R∴E∴Grand Commander, distinguished guests and Sir Knights. For the third and last time as your Grand Master I have the privilege today of bringing to you the official greetings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. To these official greetings I would like to bring

my own personal greetings and congratulations, R∴E∴Sir, on the completion of a busy and successful Templar year. As a Past Commander of St. Bernard's Commandery I feel completely at home in this Grand Commandery and I shall look forward to many years of fellowship with the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery as a Past Commander of my own Commandery.

Just at this particular time, when we are all interested perhaps in an article that appeared in Life Magazine within a week or two, it brings up again that age old relationship between the various Masonic groups. Whether we think that the article was wise or unwise, or was well prepared or not well prepared, or whether we think that it would have given a better impression of what Masonry is if it had been prepared in a little different way, perhaps we might say that it is comforting to know that Masonry is considered sufficiently important to receive notice in a magazine like Life. I should say briefly, for the benefit of our guests from other jurisdictions, that in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, the Senior Grand Lodge in the Western World, both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite, and the allied Masonic groups, are well aware of the relationship as is evidenced by the very gracious introductions with which the Grand Master of Rhode Island and the Grand Master of Massachusetts were received here today.

Analogies are dangerous because a perfect analogy can never be devised or thought up. Some things you can't explain by analogy. How can you explain love by analogy? How can you explain happiness by analogy? How can you explain immortality or eternal life? One cannot explain Masonry by analogies. Perhaps that is one reason why Life Magazine was so inadequate in its explanation to the lay mind of what Masonry is.

Even though analogies are dangerous a little analogy occurs to me right now which I am going to suggest for you to think about for a very few minutes. I like to think, personally, of Masonry as a great university of life; a university in which students voluntarily enroll because they are seriously interested in studying their obligations to their fellow man, their obligations as individuals during the span of their lifetime upon this earth. All Masonry is a great institution of learning, a great university. In the Blue Lodges some of the students feel that they can study through the precept of the Blue Lodges all that they need to know with regard to Masonry. Some have a particular ability to study individually on the basis of the fundamental courses that are taught in the Blue Lodges of our university.

But there are others who are consciously alert to the necessity of grasping every possible means of furthering their knowledge on one question and one question alone. How best can I learn to put into practice the fundamental precepts that our university is teaching, the fundamental precepts of life? And some of us, individually or in groups, pursue that subject with perhaps more assiduity than others and we have, as I like to think of it, within



our great university many, many study groups. I like to think of our York Rite Bodies and our Scottish Rite Bodies as study groups within the framework of our great institution, studying how best we can learn the great secret of our Craft; how best we can learn the secret of making the precepts of our institutions an important and vital part of our society.

In Templary those of us who study in the study group of Templary are studying with relation to one great inspiration, the great inspiration that comes to us from Him whom we in Templary consider to be our Blessed Saviour. And we in Templary are necessarily advocates of the lessons which He taught as implemented through our Masonic teachings. And it is entirely proper and right that a certain group of us might like to pursue that study together in the hope that it might inspire us to be better Masons. There might be other study groups where some other great man might furnish the inspiration for the group to study as a means of implementing the principles and virtues of our Craft.

But we in Templary must be very careful if we are devoted to our blessed Emmanuel as one who can help us understand the principles of our Craft, the great principles that are taught in our Masonic university of life. We must be very careful, since we have enlisted under His banner, that we assume the responsibility that goes with the privilege of being a soldier under the banner of our blessed Emmanuel. By voluntarily enlisting in this study group we have voluntarily dedicated our lives to the greater effort to put into practice the principles of our great Fraternity, the principles that we learn in the university of Masonry of which we are all members.

Now sometimes, organizationally, there is some thought as to who precedes whom, who takes precedence, what officer takes precedence over what other officer? But let me say to you most sincerely that the most distinguished Mason in Massachusetts, the Mason who in Massachusetts is entitled to precedence over all others, is that one Mason whether he be a member of any of the study groups or whether he find his entire inspiration within the framework of the over-all group, the one man, the one Mason who has best learned how he can make Masonry a vital and important part of his life.

R∴E∴Grand Commander, for the privilege of speaking a few moments in your Grand Commandery I thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I thank you.

The next distinguished guest from whom we will hear at this time is the head of Symbolic Masonry in the other half of our jurisdiction. And I present to you at this time M∴W∴Bertram Clarke, M∴W∴Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

M∴W∴Bertram Clarke: R∴E∴Grand Commander, M∴W∴ Grand Master, distinguished guests and Sir Knights. I do have the distinct pleasure of bringing the greetings of the M∴W∴Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, the smallest State in the Union with the longest name.

R∴E∴Sir, I haven't any address prepared at all this morning. I was quite pleased with M∴W∴Brother Johnson's address. Of course, I am on foreign territory today. Years ago there was a law on the statute book of Massachusetts that anybody from Rhode Island who was caught over the line would be shot immediately. I am sure that I am most happy that that law has been repealed or there would be a lot of dead Rhode Islanders today.

It is a privilege to be here this morning. This is my first experience in Knight Templary Grand Commandery business at least. I do happen to belong to Narragansett Commandery in Westerly but unfortunately this past year I haven't been able to attend one meeting. But I am looking forward to perhaps after next May I can devote a little time to my Commandery.

As I said before, I didn't expect to be called on for a speech but I would like to take the opportunity to thank you, R∴E∴Sir, for the courtesies extended to me and Mrs. Clarke since our arrival yesterday.

The Grand Commander: At this time we will have the report of the Grand Recorder.

Boston, Mass., October 29, 1956

## Report of the Grand Recorder

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T.:*

Sir Knights:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total Membership as of June 30, 1955 | | 14,723 |
| *Gains:* | | |
| Knighted | 642 | |
| Affiliated | 14 | |
| Re-instated | 15 | |
| | 671 | |
| *Losses:* | | |
| Dimitted | 121 | |
| Suspended | 86 | |
| Errors | 7 | |
| Deaths | 420 | |
| | 634 | |
| Net Gain | | 37 |
| Total Membership as of June 30, 1956 | | 14,760 |



Respectfully submitted,

George A. Weeks,
*Grand Recorder*

## Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
### General Fund
### Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1956

| | |
|---|---|
| Arrears Collected | $ 357.93 |
| Per Capita Dues | 12,377.92 |
| Candidates' Fees | 3,165.00 |
| Thomas Smith Webb Medals | 490.75 |
| Diplomas and Engrossing | 773.65 |
| Tactics | 14.00 |
| Official Order No. 1 | 162.80 |
| Old North Church Steeple Fund | 500.00 |
| Printing and Postage | 1.10 |
| Fifty Year Bars | 51.90 |
| Lost Rituals | 30.00 |
| Bonding and Insurance | 190.34 |
| Dividends — Savings Banks | 17.50 |
| Office Supplies | 7.00 |
| Telephone | 2.55 |
| Triennial | 2,927.00 |
| 1955 Conclave | 2,672.02 |
| Chapel — George Washington Memorial | 2,208.50 |
| Stock Purchase — Grand Fund | 451.00 |
| Total Receipts for Fiscal Year | $ 26,400.96 |
| Paid to Grand Treasurer | $ 26,400.96 |

Upon Motion Duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the above report and same to be printed in the Proceedings.

The Grand Commander: We will hear the Grand Treasurer's Report.

## Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
### General Fund
### Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1956

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| September 1, 1955 Balance on Hand | | $17,253.80 |
| Received from Grand Reeorder during fiscal year | | 26,400.96 |
| Total | | $43,654.76 |
| *Expenditures During Fiscal Year* | | |
| Per Capita Tax | $ 2,282.07 | |
| Conclaves | 5,368.69 | |
| Printing and Postage | 1,606.96 | |
| Telephone | 220.76 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Office Supplies | | $ 147.33 | |
| Thomas Smith Webb Medals | | 618.84 | |
| Grand Commander's Fund | | 500.00 | |
| Rent | | 2,087.50 | |
| Inspection — Printing | | 552.27 | |
| Inspection — Expense | | 252.15 | |
| Proceedings | | 1,159.74 | |
| Fifty Year Bars | | 86.54 | |
| Bonding and Insurance | | 489.71 | |
| Group Meetings | | 298.35 | |
| Audit | | 150.00 | |
| Social Security Taxes | | 164.77 | |
| Unemployment Taxes | | 39.44 | |
| Withholding Taxes | | 231.80 | |
| Salaries: | | | |
| Grand Recorder | $ 1,934.50 | | |
| Grand Treasurer | 500.00 | | |
| Secretary | 1,643.00 | | |
| | $ 4,077.50 | | |
| Less — S.S. and W.H. Taxes | 309.45 | 3,768.05 | |
| Official Order No. 1 | | 98.88 | |
| Laundry | | 7.50 | |
| Safe Deposit Box Rent | | 9.90 | |
| Cooler and Service | | 51.64 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 224.27 | |
| Lost Rituals | | 30.00 | |
| Triennial | | 3,029.43 | |
| Typewriter Service | | 29.40 | |
| Grand Commanders' Jewel | | 53.58 | |
| Promotional Activities | | 281.09 | |
| George Washington Memorial Chapel | | 2,208.50 | |
| Stock Purchase | | 451.00 | |
| Old North Church Steeple | | 500.00 | |
| Donations | | 31.00 | |
| Desk | | 42.00 | |
| Flowers | | 5.61 | |
| Repairs | | 4.90 | |
| Inventory — Office Supplies | | 48.75 | |
| | | | 27,102.42 |
| August 31, 1956 Balance on Hand | | | $ 16,552.34 |
| Represented by: | | | |
| First National Bank of Boston — Checking Account | | $ 16,052.34 | |
| South Weymouth Savings Bank Account, Book No. 19542 | | 500.00 | |
| Total | | | $ 16,552.34 |

## Comparative Income and Expense Statement
## Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1956

| | *Actual* | *Budget* | *Balance* |
|---|---|---|---|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Per Capita Dues | $ 12,619.89 | $ 12,588.17 | $ 31.72 |
| Candidates' Fees | 3,210.00 | 3,625.00 | *415.00* |
| Miscellaneous Income | 140.77 | 650.00 | *509.32* |
| Total Income | $ 15,970.66 | $ 16,863.17 | $ *892.51* |



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|---|---|---|---|
| EXPENSE: | | | |
| Dues — Grand Encampment | $ 2,282.07 | $ 2,283.00 | $ .93 |
| Conclaves 1956 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | .... |
| Proceedings | 1,181.06 | 1,200.00 | 18.94 |
| Printing and Postage | 1,013.77 | 1,200.00 | 186.23 |
| Rent | 1,825.00 | 1,825.00 | ..... |
| Inspections | 774.42 | 800.00 | 25.58 |
| Group Meetings | 298.35 | 300.00 | 1.65 |
| Bonding and Insurance | 299.37 | 300.00 | .63 |
| Salary — Grand Recorder | 1,934.50 | 1,898.00 | *36.50* |
| Salary — Grand Treasurer | 500.00 | 500.00 | .... |
| Salary — Secretary | 1,643.00 | 1,612.00 | *31.00* |
| Grand Commanders' Fund | 500.00 | 500.00 | .... |
| Triennial 1958 | 250.00 | 250.00 | .... |
| Audit | 175.00 | 150.00 | *25.00* |
| Promotional Activities | 281.09 | 300.00 | 18.91 |
| Office Supplies | 131.46 | 150.00 | 18.54 |
| Telephone | 218.21 | 200.00 | *18.21* |
| Past Grand Commanders' Jewel | 53.58 | 50.00 | *3.58* |
| Miscellaneous and Contingent | 364.22 | 550.00 | 185.78 |
| Social Security and Unemployment Taxes | 119.72 | 260.00 | 140.28 |
| Total Expense | 16,344.82 | 16,828.00 | 483.18 |
| Net Income or Expense | $ *374.16* | $ 35.17 | $ *409.33* |

## Triennial Conclave Reserve Account
## Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1956

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance — September 1, 1955 (as per last report) | | $ 44.89 |
| Add — Appropriation for 1958 Triennial | $ 250.00 | |
| Refund from Connecticut | 25.00 | |
| Interest on Savings Account | 3.55 | 278.55 |
| Balance — August 31, 1956 | | $ 323.44 |
| Represented by: | | |
| Deposits in South Boston Savings Bank — Book No. 189482 | | $ 323.44 |

## Carrie E. Seitz Fund

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance — September 1, 1955 — Principal | $ 4,536.13 | |
| Interest | 302.19 | |
| Total of Fund | | $ 4,838.32 |
| Add — Interest on Savings Account | | 170.81 |
| Balance — August 31, 1956 — Principal | $4,536.13 | |
| Interest | 473.00 | |
| Total of Fund | | $ 5,009.13 |
| Represented by: | | |
| Deposit in South Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 22847. | | $ 5,909.13 |

## General Fund

### Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1956

### Assets

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash — General Account: | | |
| First National Bank of Boston | $ 16,052.34 | |
| South Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 19542 | 500.00 | $ 16,552.34 |
| Special Account: | | |
| Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 44989 | | 1,345.74 |
| Petty Cash | | 25.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 606.96 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | | 979.61 |
| Past Grand Commanders' Jewels | | 100.00 |
| Inventories — Diplomas | $ 55.46 | |
| Office Supplies | 249.99 | |
| Thomas Smith Webb Medals | 154.38 | |
| Fifty Year Bars | 84.50 | |
| Past Grand Commanders' Buttons | 18.60 | 562.93 |
| Total Assets | | $ 20,172.58 |

### LIABILITIES AND NET WIRTH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Withholding Tax | $ 38.70 | |
| Social Security and Unemployment Taxes | 46.18 | |
| Accrued Expense | 175.00 | |
| St. George Commandery Reserve | 1,345.74 | |
| Total Liabilities | | $ 1,605.62 |
| Net Worth — September 1, 1955 | $ 18,941.12 | |
| Less — Excess of Expense (Exhibit "C") | 374.16 | |
| Net Worth — August 31, 1956 | | 18,566.96 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Worth | | $ 20,172.58 |
| Conclave Account — Wildey Savings Bank, Book No. 191833 | | $ 3,219.09 |

Boston, Mass., October 29, 1956

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

The Funds of St. George Commandery No. 44, Beverly, Mass. are located in the Weymouth Savings Bank, Weymouth, Massachusetts, Book No. 44980 on interest.

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|---|---|
| Receipts on Hand October 29, 1955 | $1,314.36 |
| Interest | 31.38 |
| Balance on Hand, October 29, 1956 | $1,345.74 |

Respectfully submitted,
A. Kenneth Martin,
*Grand Treasurer*



R.∴E.∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin: Now you Sir Knights remember that St. George's Fund was set up after the charter was arrested thirteen years ago. According to the statutes of the Grand Encampment those funds must be intact for twleve years. Thirteen years have expired and I recommend that that fund be transferred to the Permanent Fund, so as to get rid of an extra fund, and have it under the supervision of the Trustees.

September 24, 1956

## General Fund

### Auditor's Report and Certificate
### For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1956

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1956 and present the various summaries of cash transactions, the comparative income and expense statement for the fiscal year, and the general fund balance sheet as at August 31, 1956.

Exhibit "A" — Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
Exhibit "B" — Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
Exhibit "C" — Comparative Income and Expense Statement
Exhibit "D" — Triennial Conclave Reserve
Exhibit "E" — Carrie E. Seitz Fund
Exhibit "F" — General Fund Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1956

The actual income for the year was $892.51 less than the budgeted income, while the actual expense was $483.18 less than the budgeted expense plus the direct and supplementary appropriations. As a result, the total expense exceeded the total actual income by $374.16. The net worth at the start of the fiscal year has been decreased by this amount.

During the examination, cancelled checks and approved vouchers for disbursements were presented and examined. Cash balances were reconciled with the bank statements and confirmed by the various depositaries. Amounts due on various Commandery returns were compared with actual receipts which in turn were checked to the Grand Treasurer's bank account. The statistical data on the returns was checked to the Grand Recorder's summary.

The petty cash fund was verified by count. The unpaid accounts receivable are shown in the balance sheet.

The contents of the safe deposit box were checked in the presence of George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer.

The amount appropriated by Grand Commandery for the conclaves of the current year was transferred from the General Fund

to a savings bank account, No. 191833, at the Wildey Savings Bank. The balance of this account at the balance sheet date is shown as a footnote on Exhibit "F".

Various inventories and liabilities for accrued taxes have been adjusted as of August 31, 1956.

I hereby certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, relating to the General Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1956 and the state of the fund as at that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER,
*Certified Public Accountant*

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the Report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund.

October 29, 1956

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

The Trustees of the Grand Fund present herewith the report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1956 in the appended exhibits:

Exhibit A—Income and Expenses Statement for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1956.

Exhibit B—Balance Sheet of August 31, 1956.

Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Deposits of August 31, 1956.

The accounts have been audited and the securities examined by Em. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer, Certified Public Accountant.

Courteously submitted,

*Trustees of the Grand Fund*
JOHN E. RINES, *Chairman*
ARCHIBALD T. MEIKLE
HAROLD S. CROCKER

## GRAND FUND

### INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
### FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1956

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| INCOME: | | |
| Interest on Bonds — As per Exhibit "C" | $ 861.50 | |
| Dividends — Other Securities—Exhibit "C" | 3,134.68 | |
| Interest on Savings Bank Deposits — Exhibit "C" | 313.54 | |
| Sale of Rights | 15.88 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 26.30 | |
| Total Income for Year | | $ 4,351.90 |
| EXPENSE: | | |
| Rental of Safe Deposit Box | $13.20 | |
| Audit Fee | 40.00 | |
| George Washington Memorial Chapel | 2,208.50 | |
| Total Expense for Year | | 2,261.70 |
| Net Income for Year | | $ 2,090.20 |



## GRAND FUND

### BALANCE SHEET
### AS AT AUGUST 31, 1956
### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ASSETS | | |
| Deposits in Mass. Savings Banks (Exhibit "C") | $ 11,494.43 | |
| Bonds at Book Value (Exhibit "C") | 26,100.00 | |
| Bank and Other Securities (Exhibit "C") | 49,507.31 | |
| Total Assets | | $ 87,101.74 |
| September 1, 1955—Balance of Principal Account. | $85,011.54 | |
| Add — Grand Fund Income 1955–1956 | 2,090.20 | |
| August 31, 1956 — Balance of Principal Account | | $ 87,101.74 |

## GRAND FUND

### SCHEDULE OF BONDS, STOCKS AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS
### AS AT AUGUST 31, 1956

| *Par* | *Bonds* | *Book Value* | *Income for Year* |
|---|---|---|---|
| $7,000 | Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. 4% 10/1/95 | $7,000.00 | $280.00 |
| 4,000 | Boston & Maine R.R. Income "A" 4½% 1970 | 4,000.00 | 180.00 |
| 1,600 | Boston & Maine R.R. 1st Mtg. 4% 1960 | 1,600.00 | 64.00 |
| 7,500 | U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. "G" 2½% Aug. '60 | 7,500.00 | 187.50 |
| 6,000 | U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. "G" 2½% Jan. '57 | 6,000.00 | 150.00 |
| | | $26,100.00 | $861.50 |
| *Shares* | *Stocks* | | |
| 125 | Chase Manhattan National Bank | $ 3,500.00 | $ 275.00 |
| 121 | Chemical Corn Exchange National Bank | 3,500.00 | 236.50 |
| 108 | First National Bank of Boston | 3,878.94 | 302.40 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | United Fruit Company | 2,875.09 | 150.00 |
| 50 | Sterling Drug Company | 2,005.73 | 140.00 |
| 35 | American Tobacco Company | 2,144.59 | 164.50 |
| 70 | Pacific Lighting Corp. | 1,808.83 | 140.00 |
| 25 | F. W. Woolworth Corp. | 1,084.86 | 56.26 |
| 60 | Union Oil Co. of California | 1,843.30 | 138.00 |
| 930 | Massachusetts Investors Trust | 5,868.00 | 396.87 |
| 102 | Peoples First National Bank & Trust of Pittsburg | 4,550.00 | 202.00 |
| 122 | First Pennsylvania Bank & Trust Co. | 5,168.36 | 238.65 |
| 105 | Household Finance Company | 3,125.23 | 124.50 |
| 159 | General Motors Corp. | 4,847.19 | 397.50 |
| 90 | Standard Oil Co. of N. J. | 3,307.19 | 172.50 |
| | | $ 49,507.31 | $ 3,134.68 |

*Savings Banks*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salem Savings Bank Book No. 62890 | $ 1,000.00 | $ 30.00 |
| Home Savings Bank Book No. G405308 | 1,045.98 | 31.34 |
| Wildey Savings Bank Book No. 196439 | ..... | 25.32 |
| Wildey Savings Bank Book No. 190689 | 9,448.45 | 226.88 |
| | $ 11,494.43 | $ 313.54 |

## GRAND FUND

### AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1956

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1956. This data is summarized in the following exhibits:

Exhibit "A"—Income and Expense Statement for the year ended August 31, 1956.

Exhibit "B"—Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1956.

Exhibit "C"—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Deposits as at August 31, 1956.

The various securities and savings bank books were seen and examined at the safe deposit vault of the National Shawmut Bank in the presence of Archibald T. Meikle, Trustee, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer, and were found to be in accordance with the schedule shown in Exhibit "C". Confirmations from the various depositaries have been received.

The Principal account has been adjusted to reflect the addition of the net income from the Grand Fund which was received during the year. The net income for the year was $2,090.20. Detailed items of income are also shown in Exhibit "C".



I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the transactions of the Trustees during the year ended August 31, 1956, and the state of the Fund as of that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER,
*Certified Public Accountant*

E∴SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I move you, Sir, that the reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Auditor be accepted and that the recommendation made by the Grand Treasurer, with respect to St. George's Fund, be adopted.

R∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Second.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: You have heard the motion. All in favor extend the sword arm. Those opposed, the bridle arm. Carried.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the Report of the Finance Committee.

R∴E∴SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE: R∴E∴Grand Commander, may I present the report of the Finance Committee. The majority of members of the Finance Committee, E∴Sir Allen and myself, have been conferring on a suggestion that has come to the committee since the report was drawn up and published. We are suggesting no change in the report of the committee so far as the figures are concerned for the budget as printed on the notice of this Conclave, a total of $16,877.00. But we are suggesting a change in the suggested anticipated income. Per capita dues remain the same. Candidates' fees remain the same. But the miscellaneous income we feel can be increased to $525 instead of $300 as published and then cut out the item of interest from the Grand Fund; thus arriving at a total anticipated income of $16,894.80 which is $17.80 more than the budget submitted.

In view of this change and the recommendation of the Finance Committee I present this report of the committee.

October 29, 1956

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1956–1957

*To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery:*

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for 1956–1957:

| | |
|---|---|
| Grand Encampment Dues | $ 2,288.00 |
| Conclaves 1957 | 2,500.00 |
| Proceedings | 1,250.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Printing and Postage | 1,000.00 |
| Rent | 1,950.00* |
| Inspections, Exemplifications and Marking | 1,200.00 |
| Group Meetings | 300.00 |
| Bond and Insurance | 300.00 |
| Salary — Grand Recorder | 1,898.00 |
| Salary — Grand Treasurer | 500.00 |
| Salary — Clerk | 1,716.00 |
| Grand Commander's Jewel | 50.00 |
| Grand Commander's Fund | 500.00 |
| Triennial Conclave 1958 | 250.00 |
| Auditor | 150.00 |
| Office Supplies | 150.00 |
| Telephone | 200.00 |
| Miscellaneous and Contingent | 400.00 |
| S.S. and Unemployment | 275.00 |
| | $ 16,877.00 |

* Increase in Rent for 1956–57 — $125.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME

| | |
|---|---|
| Per Capita Dues 14,760 members @85½¢ | $ 12,619.80 |
| Candidates Fees 750 @ $5.00 | 3,750.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 525.00 |
| | $ 16,894.80 |

Courteously submitted,

LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
ARTHUR R. DORWARD
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT EYE FOUNDATION ASSESSMENT

14,760 Members at $1.00 ..... $14,760.00

Anticipated Receipts from 14,760 Members at $1.00 .... $14,760.00

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the report. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I move that the budget as presented by the Finance Committee be adopted and approved. (Motion seconded)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Moved and seconded that the budget of the Finance Committee as read be adopted. Anything to be said on the question? All those in favor extend the sword arm. Those opposed, the bridle arm. Carried.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now hear the Report of the Educational Foundation Committee.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BUDGET FOR 1957

*To the Members and Officers of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*



Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for the Educational Foundation for 1957:

| | |
|---|---|
| Printing, Postage and Supplies | $ 100.00 |
| Salary — Secretary | 1,898.00 |
| Salary — Clerk | 1,924.00 |
| Salary — Treasurer | 300.00 |
| Rent | 700.00 |
| Telephone | 162.00 |
| Audit | 285.00 |
| Trustees Expense | 75.00 |
| Miscellaneous and Contingent | 100.00 |
| Bond and Insurance | 200.00 |
| Retail Credit Reports | 175.00 |
| Social Security | 65.00 |
| | $ 5,984.00 |

Courteously submitted,

LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
ARTHUR R. DORWARD
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE

NOTE: The above Budget is subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee.

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the above Report of the Finance Committee and same to be printed in the Proceedings.

NOTE: The above Budget has been approved by Grand Encampment under date of November 24, 1956.

## REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following Amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commandaries have been approved by the Grand Commandery during the recess of Grand Commandery and are now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8, copy of which is on file in Grand Commandery Office.
2. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Cyprus Commandery No. 39, K.T., copy of which is annexed hereto.

All of the above amendments have been approved by your Committee.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
*Jurisprudence Committee*

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW PROPOSED APRIL 26, 1956
VOTED TO BE ADOPTED MAY 24, 1956

Insert after the word holiday in line four Article 1, Sec. 3 "or the day before a legal holiday" to read:

Article I, Section 3. The Stated Conclaves shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, provided, however, that when the same shall fall upon a legal holiday, or the day before a legal holiday, they may be changed at the pleasure of the Council of the Commandery, to be held seven days preceeding or following the regular date.

EDWARD H. WHEELER
*Recorder*

(Upon motion duly made and seconded that the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be accepted and same to be printed in the Proceedings)

Boston, Massachusetts
October 29, 1956

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Mass. and R. I.:*

Dear Fraters:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports that no business requiring its attention has been presented for consideration.

Courteously,

HAROLD S. CROCKER

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the above Report and same to be printed in the Proceedings)

Boston, Mass., October 29, 1956

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

*To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Printing finds that printing costs have increased 10%. If we can limit our Proceedings to 325 copies of 136 pages each — keeping the same quality of stock and workmanship as in the past, we can have them printed at a cost of $1,250.00. (This price does not include the author's corrections, mailing envelopes, or postage which amounts to 8¢ per copy)



This year, as in the past, we asked for Bids — the Bids submitted were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Shirley Printing Company | $1,385.00 |
| Fidelity Press | 1,309.00 |
| Catalog Printing Company | 1,250.00 |

The Catalog Printing Company has printed our Proceedings for the past three years, and their work has proved most satisfactory. The Budget Report, as submitted by our Finance Committee, was based upon the figures submitted by the Catalog Printing Company.

Your Committee will make every effort to keep the cost of the printing of the 1956 Proceedings to a minimum for the quality of paper and workmanship involved.

Courteously yours,

M. W. SCHROEDER
*Chairman*

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on Printing and same to be printed in our Proceedings)

## YORK RITE COMMITTEE FOR MASSACHUSETTS

One year ago, your Committee spent considerable money for the printing of petitions (in triplicate) and brochures entitled "The York Rite of Free Masonry."

During the past year, there has been considerable activity throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and requests have been received for petitions and brochures. The net results cannot be obtained at this time but report shows increased activity and interest.

*York Rite Committee*
FRANK H. WILSON
CLARENCE E. BOOTH
GEORGE A. WEEKS

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the Report of the York Rite Committee and same to be printed in the Proceedings.)

October 29, 1956

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

At our Semi-Annual Conclave May 19th I had not received the marking sheets of five Commanderies, but at this time my report is complete.

Even though the Marking system was more strict, so that a Commandery could lose only 15 points and stay in the top bracket; 27 Commanderies were given a 10 minus; only one short of the previous year. 20 received a 9 plus and 3, a nine.

The three Commanderies which received the highest marks were Newburyport with 997 points and St. John and Bay State tied with 995.

I would like to add that eight Commanderies came into the 10 minus rating with a mark of 985 and five others with 986, just over the line.

There were five Commanderies that lost in their attendance, the same as last year.

One acting Commander did his work without error and he was the Generalissimo of Newburyport who filled in for the Commander who was sick.

The individual losses for the fifty Commanderies range from 3 to 70 points per Commandery.

Twenty-eight Commanderies retained the same mark as the year before, while twenty-two varied; thirteen bettered themselves and nine went lower.

Courteously submitted,

CLYDE L. CARTER
*Inspector Instructor*

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the Report of the Inspector Instructor and same to be printed in the Proceedings.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the Report of the Triennial Committee.

October 29, 1956

## REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I think the Grand Treasurer read the Report of the Triennial Committee in his report which covered the expenditures and money on hand. It is my understanding at the present time although this has not been presented officially, that the next meeting of the Triennial will be held in New Orleans, date to be announced later. The Committee reports progress.

October 22, 1956

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

Your Committee on Patriotic Activities is pleased to make the following report.



Early in the year, every presiding Commander was contacted by letter explaining the purpose of Patriotic Activities and requesting the appointment of a Commandery Committee in compliance with Grand Encampment General Order No. 6 of September 4, 1951. Twenty-one Commanderies complied by appointment of a Committee. Each Committee Chairman was contacted and suggestions given for carrying out the program. Several committees responded with Programs of Action. These programs covered Patriotic, Civic and Templar Activities and created favorable publicity, not only for the participating Commanderies, but for Templary in general.

We are encouraged by the response to the Patriotic Activities program this year and believe that its continuance and expansion in the coming year will result in favorable publicity for Templary as a worthwhile, charitable, civic minded and patriotic organization. This is a step forward on the road to a Revitalized Templary.

Courteously submitted,

THOMAS A. BOOTH
*Chairman, Patriotic Activities*

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the Report of Patriotic Activities Committee and same to be printed in the Proceedings.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now comes the time when we will hear from the one we have been waiting to hear. I present to you, our distinguished guest, R∴E∴Sir and Rev. Robert E. Chable, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and personal representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master Walter A. Delamater, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT E. CHABLE: R∴E∴Grand Commander, M∴W∴Grand Masters of the M∴W∴Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, M. Ill. Grand Masters of the Grand Councils of these jurisdictions, the representatives of the M. Ex. Grand High Priests of these jurisdictions, Ill. Deputy of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the district of Massachusetts, M∴E∴Harry Gilmore Pollard, M∴E∴Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, R∴E∴Sirs, E∴Sirs, and Sir Knights. I think that covers all of you.

First let me say that it is a profound privilege and a genuine personal pleasure for me to be in Massachusetts again. While this is my very first visit to your Grand Commandery's Annual Conclave it is happily not my first visit to the Masonic Bodies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I had a perfectly delightful time with you in Leominster a little more than a year ago and in

the last year I have had a most cordial reception in Providence at one of the Symbolic Lodge affairs. I have certainly been well taken care of so far and I want to express to you my abiding gratitude for the hospitality that has been extended to Mrs. Chable and me. Let me say that the dinner last night was so very good that I recently made the discovery that I wanted to lay something of it up. So if you will examine the jewel of the Grand Prelate you will discover a sundae stain.

Let me say that I would want to compliment this Grand Commandery the like of which I have not seen in any of the other Grand Commanderies that I have made official visits to in the last year. It has been my task to travel from the Dominion of Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, literally, and I have not seen in any other Grand Commandery the amazingly high percentage of Grand Representatives present that I have seen here this morning. I congratulate you for that. I do not think it is equalled very frequently, if at all, anywhere else.

Now there are certain matters that the Grand Master would have us speak to you about briefly. I know that you are under pressure of time here this morning; I know you are anxious to have your noon meal; I know you have certain plans for your afternoon. So I will begin by expressing to you, R∴E∴Sir, and through you to your Grand Commandery, the personal greetings and best wishes of M∴E∴Sir Walter Allen Delamater, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. M∴E∴Sir Knight Delamater would have been happy to be with you if he had been able to do so but at the present time he is in the western part of the country. Having expressed his best wishes may I also bring the greetings of the hundreds of thousands of Knights Templar across the length and breadth of this land and in the subordinate Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Let me also say that I have been particularly impressed this last year with the courtesy of your R∴E∴Grand Commander in sending to me, ever since he knew I was to make the official visit here, the copies of the *Templar*. I have read and digested each issue, reading every word of each issue as it came. It has been able to give me a rather comprehensive picture of your condition, what your hopes are, and the extent to which you are achieving those hopes and goals. I do think this is an excellent organ for publicity and for the dissemination of information. I would wish sincerely that all Grand Commanderies might have such a publication medium as you have and I would certainly join your Grand Commander in the hope he expressed this morning that you all, by all means, continue to disseminate, as broadly as possible throughout your Grand Commandery, the issues of your *Templar* for it is an excellent publication.



I am happy to learn officially that you have had a gain this last year, a net gain of 37, and that you have had a net gain in Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the last nine consecutive years. I am concerned, however, and I should tell you so quite frankly, that your net gain for this last Templar year is so much less than your net gain here of the previous year. Perhaps there are extenuating circumstances to explain it but I would hope that we will not accept the net gain of 37 as a standard but will think rather in terms of the net gains which have been somewhat larger and which you have had in many other years.

To the visiting Grand Commanders of other Grand Commanderies may I suggest to them that you take back to your Grand Commanderies what you have heard here; that this Grand Commandery has had a gain now for nine consecutive years. In the words of the inspired Sacred Word, "Go thou out and do likewise."

It is always quite thrilling to find that a Grand Commandery has some very special project all its own that is not a part of the Grand Encampment but a project used because we exist for only one purpose and that is to serve. I do congratulate you most heartily in what you are doing here in Massachusetts and Rhode Island with your Christmas Fund. Certainly one must always remember in Templary that the heart of the ethical system of the Christian Gospel is found in the parable where the King says unto them on His right hand, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or athirst, and gave thee drink? And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? And when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me." My congratulations to you for practicing in this very concrete and specific way the application of the Christian virtues of pure benevolence.

Next, I am delighted to read and hear this morning of the contribution you have made to the restoration of the steeple on the Old North Church. Before I make an official visit to any Grand Commandery I try to prepare myself for that visit by reading as much as I can read of what the Grand Commandery has done in the past. I remember the appeal and suggestion made by R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. and the matter discussed. I am happy that you have had a part in the restoration of one of these structures which breathes the very spirit and

life of all that is American. That, I think, is noteworthy of comment.

Next, I want to suggest something to you that is to me very important for you to think about particularly here. You have your Semi-Annual Conclave usually in Providence, your Annual usually in Boston, but you have at your Grand Conclave mostly your Council Officers, your Past Commanders of your constituent Commanderies. You do not generally have here, for reasons best known to you, your Baldric Knights. You do not have the Templar from the sideline. He is in your own Commandery but you do not have him a part of your Grand Commandery. It seems to me if he is to have his perspective enlarged, to have his horizons widened, then it is particularly important that he be made to feel an integral part of something that is larger than himself and larger than his own constituent Commandery. The Grand Commandery to that Baldric Knight, to that Templar on the sideline, is just some nebular reality like the old lady who envisioned God as appearing to her as nothing but an oblong blur.

Now, we need to bring this Knight something more than he sees in his own Commandery. Perhaps you can not invite him for reasons best known to you but we must remember the principle that pretty largely it is true that we oursleves are loyal to that which you give us the chance to help create. We are most loyal to those things in which you give us a part. So when the great majority of Sir Knights and your Fraters in your constituent Commanderies are not here to see the Grand Commandery in operation, when there are very few opportunities they have here to have their horizons widened and vision enlarged, then it seems to me all the more important that the Grand Commandery should be taken to them.

Thus I commend you for your work at the Boston Pops, for the night such as you had at Aleppo Temple and, not because I participated in it at all, especially I commend you for the Church Service at Leominster when I was here a little more than a year ago. If we can not bring our Fraters here then let's go out to them and I do think if you continue to move this Church Service around your State, around both of your States, then you are, by doing that, taking it here one year and there another year, with your night at the Pops, and a night at Aleppo Temple and elsewhere, you are taking Templary where our Fraters are and thus enlarging their horizons, shaping their vision, and giving them a greater loyalty, for they will be most loyal to that in which they feel they play some fundamental, integral part.

Now I am happy to be able to tell you in regard to the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, that plans are proceeding apace. The architects have pretty largely done their work and the contractors are now in the middle of their activities. It is still hoped and expected



that we shall be able to dedicate that glorious Chapel as a monument to Templary on the Saturday before Easter, April 20, 1957, in Alexandria. I do hope that you will make every effort to be present for an occasion that will come to Templary but once in our lifetime.

Next, let me say that the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is doing well. Now, Sir Knights, I am aware that here and there across the country there is some reticence, some lack of enthusiasm about this important subject. I made the official visit to the Grand Commandery of one State some months ago and during the course of the discussion, before I had spoken and brought the official message, a Past Commander arose from the far end of the Asylum and said, "This was put over by the Grand Encampment and none of us knew anything about it and it seems to me the Grand Encampment always has its hand out for something." Of course, I was there with the purple cord of the Grand Encampment and every eye was riveted on me. The Grand Commander said, "What will you do?" I said, "Nothing, now. We will let the Sir Knight have his say and I will speak later." They put through the resolution. When I spoke I said, "Now and then you will hear of this but if there was a breakdown in communications it was either in the records of the Grand Commandery or the records of the constituent Commanderies because all of the information was certainly sent down before the Triennial meeting in New York City. It is true that the Grand Encampment over the years has 'always had its hand out' for the Educational Loan Foundation and now for the Knight Templar Foundation for the Preservation of Human Eyesight, and thank God we have; so does every Clergyman I know have his hand out; so does every educator I know; so does the Red Cross, the Heart Fund, Cerebral Palsy, Cancer Research. Thank God we breath free air in a free land in which there are institutions that will have their hand out perpetually so that the charitable work of our institutions can go forward."

In Palestine there are two seas and the River Jordan flows into both of them. One takes only what it needs of the Jordan's waters and sends the rest on its way. And trees grow on its banks and flowers bloom there and fish live in its waters and birds fly above them, and there the Master of men taught by the Sea of Galilee. But there is another sea in Palestine and the river flows into that. It is a selfish sea. It takes everything it can get of the Jordan's flow and sends nothing on its way. And there are no flowers or trees along its banks and there are no fish within its waters and no birds fly above it, and the Master of men avoided it. This is the Dead Sea. Dead because it took all and gave nothing in return. There are two seas in Palestine, my Fraters, and there are two kinds of people in the world.

No one in the entire Grand Encampment has been more encouraging, more stimulating, and had a greater integral part in

the work of establishing the Knight Templar Foundation for Human Eyesight than your own R∴E∴Past Grand Commander John Rines and we are tremendously grateful for the contribution he has made in terms of his time, his effort, and his substance.

Let me say a word to you about the Educational Foundation. I wish that all of the jurisdictions would do the job you are doing here. But let us not be content to place on our brows the laurel wreath. The Educational Foundation and all of our Masonic charities are really the very foundation of the Fraternity and are the reason that we exist at all.

You heard me, some of you, say yesterday that in the last three or four months $4,000 has come across my own desk in loans for boys and girls at the college where I am Dean. As a Dean of a college I think I know, even better than any of you do, what this Educational Foundation means. Right now we are getting a loan for one of our boys from Massachusetts who is in my college in Michigan. He was the State Chaplain of DeMolay, here, in this State. We are getting that through the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star. When you can see these youngsters go on and complete their education, who knows, maybe the hand of the surgeon who guides the knife on us some day may be able to do it because the funds from our Foundation permitted that youngster to go on and get his degrees and serve and qualify to help us.

I should like to say a word about ritual. I am interested in the discussion that took place this morning between the Grand Commander of New Hampshire and the representative of the Scottish Rite. I have never belived that it was a case of either Scottish Rite or York Rite. I have always believed that instead of being an either/or thing it was a both/and thing. Thus I have been highly honored by both Rites and I am profoundly grateful. But I have found rich opportunity for service in both York and Scottish Rites.

Let us begin to ask ourselves one question. What bearing does ritual have on membership? What can we do about it? Now you may not like something I am going to say to you but I am going to say it anyhow. It seems to me that the impression we make on the candidate presented to us is going to be an abiding one and in proportion to our own effectiveness is that impression going to be what we earnestly want it to be. But the first impression of the candidate is in the Symbolic Lodge. And let us not ever view ourselves as belonging to an exclusive body by neglecting our Symbolic Lodge for there is the foundation of both Rites and you cannot erect a superstructure unless you have a firm foundation. We belong in our Symbolic Lodges; there working actively, patiently contributing what we can, and we want to make an impression there first and then in the Chapter and here.

I had occasion a few months ago to literally 'blow my stack' if you will excuse that expression. I was asked to come to a



Symbolic Lodge and present some Bibles after the Master Mason Degree. What I saw in the second section was pure unadulterated sadism. It was nothing more than the opportunity to give vent to sadistic tendencies that lurked within the human breast. I began to become concerned about this man who was the candidate. So I made an appointment with him for lunch. I told him that I was afraid he might have the wrong impression of Masonry and I continued to explain. He said this, "Doctor, if you hadn't explained this to me I wouldn't have darkened their door again." I said, "What are you going to do?" He said, "I am going to be a Boy Scout executive." I said, "Thank God, we need men like you." If we take a part in our Lodges we will probably save some Masons because we can speak the truth to some of our Brethren who may forget that Masonry is serious business.

I am not impressed with an Order in the Commandery, or Chapter and Council, if it is sloppily done. Let's face it, the York Rite has a lot to learn from the Scottish Rite. It is inconceivable in the Scottish Rite that I know about to put anyone in a role at the last minute and thus we have the type of portrayal we have. Can we in the York Rite dare to do anything else in justice to the candidate? It begins in the Lodge and continues in the Chapter and continues in the Council; and you and I in our constituent Commanderies and our Grand Commanderies will only be as strong as we help our Symbolic Lodges or Chapters and Councils to be. We are all in this together and we ought not to be so impressed with a jewel, such as I saw being worn on a Knight Templar uniform in a State not long ago during inspection and it was against Grand Encampment orders to wear this jewel. How much good do we do the Lodge and Chapter and Council and Commandery if we have merely gone through the Chairs only to get a jewel and certain distinctions. Not long ago I saw a High Priest carried up the stairs and installed only so he could somehow meet the requirement for a certain honor in the Fraternity which demanded that he preside over all four Bodies. Now that man is not able to confer a degree but they carried him up there so he could get this honor. I venture to say we do a disservice if we are more concerned with honors than the love and service of the Orders themselves.

Let me conclude my message to you by telling you a true story that is close to my heart and why you and I must have this revitalization in all of the Bodies of the York and Scottish Rites. If I could do one thing and had to limit my activity to one thing in Masonry I would want that thing to be the thing I have enjoyed the most, presenting the apron in the Entered Apprentice Degree to every boy on my college campus who starts in Masonry in Hillsdale. They say it is a lovely sight to see the dean on one side of the altar and the student on the other. I have presented the apron to every one but one and that one I raised him because I couldn't be present when his apron was presented.

A few years ago a boy came to me. His father had been a 32° Mason and had died. His mother had grown older and her vitality had decreased. She had had a terrible time sending the children to college. I became very friendly with the lad. He took up with me in my office and I said, quite inadvertently, "Son, it seems to me we ought to look at the problem this way." I saw the expression on his face. I went back and restated and discovered that I had called him son. I said later on, "I couldn't think of you more if you were my own boy." With a look he said, "Dean, you know, that means more to me than you will ever know."

A little over a year ago I went to his fraternity house to talk with his fraternity mother. The boys were watching television and I said, "I can't stay so don't get up." He said, "May I see you for a moment alone?" "Where do you want to go?" We went into the library. He said, "Sir, could I say something to you just once man to man?" I said, "David, you know we have never put things on a student-dean basis so whatever is on your mind say it." He put his hand out and I looked and put my hand out. He said, "There is only one thing I have wanted to say for so long. Dad, you are the greatest." I think it is one of the highest honors I have ever received. I couldn't see the steps through the tears.

On the 6th of June I had the thrill of raising David to Master Mason. I am financing him through college. He has had a father and I haven't had a son. I am turning down the honor of being at my Consistory to get my 33° and they will mail mine. I am going to see him get his Royal Arch and I hope to obligate him shortly after the first of the year in the Temple.

The point is not only a revitalized Templary but a revitalized and greater Masonry in all its branches is necessary today and for the Davids of tomorrow who will be following us. We dare not break our faith with them.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Right Eminent Sir, for that splendid message.

During the morning session of the Conclave, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder called upon:

Most Ill. Frank H. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Most Ill. Robert M. Brayton, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island.

Most Ex. William F. Clark, Past Grand High Priest representing the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

Ex. John D. Nelson, Past High Priest representing the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.



R∴E∴Sir Howard Tansley Joslyn, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Hampshire, who spoke for the presiding Grand Commanders that were present.

Ill. Claude Leroy Allen 33° Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Massachusetts for Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I will now declare a recess for lunch

(Recess for lunch at 1 P.M.)

## RECESS

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I now declare that Grand Commandery is reconvened for business at 2:20 P.M.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the report of the Service Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Year Ended June 30, 1956

Boston, Massachusetts, October 29, 1956

*Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

The Service Committee during the past year had the dual assignment of promoting membership and stimulating all other constructive forms of activity for the member commanderies. The service concept was a new one. Utilization by member commanderies of the help offered was somewhat disappointing. Progress was made, however, but to be effective, such a plan requires a longer introductory period. It is the opinion of the committee members that two or three years would be required to fully establish the committee's usefulness.

## MEMBERSHIP

There was a net gain of 37 in the membership total for the year. This is only .25 of 1% and points again to the need for concerted action to increase our membership. The membership total at the end of the year was 14,760.

Membership Change — Five-Year Record

| | *1956* | *1955* | *1954* | *1953* | *1952* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Knighted | 642 | 710 | 676 | 707 | 880 |
| Affiliated | 14 | 30 | 22 | 33 | 45 |
| Reinstated | 15 | 18 | 24 | 23 | 32 |
| Errors | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Gross Additions | 671 | 759 | 722 | 763 | 958 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deaths | 420 | 440 | 408 | 406 | 451 |
| Demits | 121 | 101 | 109 | 105 | 117 |
| Suspensions | 86 | 66 | 78 | 54 | 75 |
| Errors | 7 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 0 |
| Gross Terminations | 634 | 608 | 607 | 578 | 643 |
| Net Gains | 37 | 151 | 115 | 185 | 316 |
| Percent Gain | .25% | 1.04% | .8% | 1.3% | 2.3% |

## PETITIONS

Our quota was 1,000 petitions. At the end of March we had over 91% of our cumulative objective, but low petition activity in April, May and June caused us to end the year with only 72.2% of our quota. This compares with 72.6%, 80% and 77.7% of quota, respectively, in the three preceding years.

Our petition total of 722 was only four less than last year, yet the net gain in membership was 114 less. This result is explained by the effect on 1956 of the carryovers of candidates not knighted from the preceding year and to the succeeding year and to an increase in 1956 in the total number of members lost through deaths, demits and suspensions.

Fourteen commanderies equaled or exceeded their petition quotas. Particularly outstanding in percentage of quota attained were Cyprus No. 39 with 245%, Natick No. 33 with 234%, and Thomas Smith Webb No. 51 with 200%.

In total number of petitions obtained DeMolay No. 7 was first with 54, Boston No. 2 was second with 40, and Gethsemane No. 35 was third with 33.

## NET GAINS AND LOSSES

Twenty-two commanderies had a net gain in membership in 1956, two had no change, and 26 had net losses. DeMolay No. 7 had the largest net gain with 29, Natick No. 33 was second with 23, and Sutton No. 16 was third with 29. A net loss in membership by 26 commanderies is ominously significant and emphasizes the need for corrective action.

## DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS

We lost 121 members by demits and 86 by suspensions. Each of these figures is the highest for the last five years. It is important to reduce the annual total of demits and suspensions. The committee repeats a recommendation made by its predecessor, the Membership and Publicity Committee, that a special committee be appointed by the Grand Commander to study losses in membership by demits and suspensions and from its conclusions make recommendations for corrective action.



## AFFILIATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS

Affiliations were only 14 in number — reinstatements totalled only 15. These figures set new lows for the five-year period just ended.

## PUBLICITY

In addition to personal contacts by committee members with individual commandery officers, the columns of *The Templar* were utilized to exhort petition activity and to keep the member commanderies informed of the progress being made in relation to quota by each commandery and by the Grand Commandery. *The Templar* was issued monthly by the Grand Recorder and was distributed to council officers and recorders of member commanderies and to Grand Commandery officers. Some of our publicity material was reprinted in the national *Knight Templar* magazine and use was made of it in other jurisdictions.

Courteously submitted,

J. Leroy Jones, *Chairman*
*For the Committee*

October 23, 1956

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the Report of the Service Committee and same to be printed in the Proceedings.)

The Grand Commander: There is one more duty that I shall perform before I relinquish my office. I am going to ask the Grand Captain of the Guard to present the Grand Warder. (Em. Sir Charles W. Gurdy is escorted to the East)

The Grand Commander: Charlie, this is it. You and I, Charlie, have been connected in Templary since 1922 I believe it was, early 1922, when I joined Beauseant Commandery in Malden. You were then Captain of the Guard which you had been then for I don't know how many years. You asked me to serve in your Escort which I did for several years, after which I had the opportunity to start in the Line. I went through the Line to Eminent Commander and it was my pleasure to ask you and appoint you the Warder of Beauseant Commandery. You went through the Line and I had the pleasure of installing you. You then moved back in as Captain of the Guard and I went in as Prelate. Since then we have had an active part in Beauseant Commandery. You were Captain of the Guard for many years and then you went over into the office of Recorder. I went into the office of Prelate where I served for 21 years, just resigning this past year.

These last eleven years we have been much closer than usual. You have done much to help me make my progress through this

Line more pleasant than it would have been otherwise. We have traveled many rough and rugged roads, Charlie, but we can forget the rough ones and remember the smooth ones and the pleasant times we had together.

I sincerely thank you for all you have done. I appreciate your service you have rendered. This is not a token in payment of anything that you might have done but simply an expression of my esteem for you and as a remembrance of the years we spent going through this Grand Commandery Line. There are so many on there I don't know where to put this one. We will put it up here, Charlie, for the time being where they can all see it. Charlie, I think this is an honor for me to pin on your breast and I hope you will wear it for many years to come. There is one other little thing, Charlie. You are required to give up the shoulder straps that you have at the moment and I am going to present you with these Past Grand Warder's Shoulder Straps and I think you will get a great deal of pleasure wearing them.

E∴Sir Charles W. Gurdy: I am not going to call you R∴E∴ Sir but by the name of Mort, the name I have always known you by regardless of position held. It has been a very, very great pleasure for me to serve with you in various capacities. Everything I have earned in Knight Templary I owe to you. These past eleven years, Mort, have been very happy ones and very pleasant ones serving with you as your Deputy Grand Warder and finally as Grand Warder of this Grand Commandery. Mort, I thank you sincerely.

The Grand Commander: Now we will proceed with the election of officers. Nominations are in order for the election of Grand Commander.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: R∴E∴Grand Commander, it is my privilege and pleasure to place in nomination for the office of Grand Commander one whom I had the honor to appoint in the progressive Line of this Grand Commandery a number of years ago. He has spent eleven years in this progressive Line consecutively and he has a wonderful Masonic record. All of which doesn't require me to idolize him because he needs no idolizing. He is eminently qualified for this position and I place in nomination Sir Knight Thomas Arnold Booth, the present Deputy Grand Commander and Past Commander of Sutton Commandery No. 16 of New Bedford.

E∴Sir Erford W. Poole: R∴E∴Grand Commander, again it is my pleasure to second the nomination of Sir Knight Thomas A. Booth and I am pleased to do so. I Move you, Sir, that the nominations be closed and that the E∴Sir be elected by acclamation.

The Grand Commander: You have heard the nomination and the motion for election by acclamation. All in favor say, "aye."



Opposed. Sir Knights, you have unanimously elected Sir Knight Thomas A. Booth to serve you as Grand Commander for the ensuing year.

I will now appoint a committee to conduct the R∴E∴Grand Commander-elect Sir Knight Thomas A. Booth into the Asylum. I will appoint on that committee all the Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery and the Past Commanders of Sutton Commandery No. 16 K.T. with R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson as chairman. Captain of the Guard, form an escort.

(The Escort and Committee retired and returned to the Asylum escorting the Grand Commander-elect)

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Right Eminent Sir, I present the Grand Commander-elect, Sir Knight Thomas A. Booth.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knight Booth, I am very happy and it is a pleasure for me to inform you that you have been unanimously elected as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the ensuing year. Do you accept the office?

V∴E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I do and I want to express my humble appreciation to the Sir Knights for this confidence in me and assure them that I will do the best I can to the best of my ability for the ensuing year.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knight Captain of the Guard, dismiss the escort.

(The escort was dismissed.)

The Grand Commander: Nominations are now in order for the office of Deputy Grand Commander.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker nominated Sir Knight Dwight C. Page for the office of Deputy Grand Commander.

R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. nominated Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake for the office of Grand Generalissimo.

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin nominated Sir Knight Elliott N. Holley for the office of Grand Captain General.

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle nominated Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth for the office of Grand Senior Warden.

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle nominated Sir Knight Raymond L. Hall for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks nominated Sir Knight A. Kenneth Martin for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Em. Sir Allan Campbell, Jr. nominated Sir Knight George A. Weeks for the office of Grand Recorder.

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin nominated R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines for Trustee of the Grand Fund for a term of three years.

(All of the above officers were unanimously elected)

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R ∴ E ∴ Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *ex-officio*

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E ∴ Sir S. Kenneth Skolfield
E ∴ Sir Robert E. Powell
R ∴ E ∴ Sir Thomas A. Booth, *ex-officio*
V ∴ E ∴ Sir Dwight C. Page, *ex-officio*
R ∴ E ∴ Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *ex-officio*

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R ∴ E ∴ Sir George B. Sampson
R ∴ E ∴ Sir Frank H. Wilson

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E ∴ Sir Walter E. Furber
E ∴ Sir Harold L. Burr
E ∴ Sir Paul G. Covill
E ∴ Sir Arthur E. Erickson

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V ∴ E ∴ Sir Dwight C. Page
E ∴ Sir Charles P. Horton
R ∴ E ∴ Sir George A. Weeks, *ex-officio*

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E ∴ Sir Rev. Frank B. Crandall, *Chairman*
E ∴ Sir Rev. Otis L. Mason
Sir Kt. Rev. W. Irving Monroe, Jr.

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R ∴ E ∴ Sir George A. Weeks, *Chairman*
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E ∴ Sir Herbert Y. Follett
E ∴ Sir Anthony F. Perry
E ∴ Sir Benjamin F. Hathaway
E ∴ Sir Herman W. Toothaker
E ∴ Sir Howard L. Harper
E ∴ Sir Wilfred W. Cross
E ∴ Sir Thomas W. Brown

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R ∴ E ∴ Sir Frederic Kennedy
R ∴ E ∴ Sir Harold S. Crocker
E ∴ Sir Clyde L. Carter
E ∴ Sir William A. Odell
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E ∴ Sir Harold L. Burr
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E ∴ Sir Oman R. Price
E ∴ Sir Thomas C. Brown
E ∴ Sir James R. Henry
E ∴ Sir Edward F. Norton
E ∴ Sir Herbert A. Lang

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E ∴ Sir Henry F. Bell
Sir Kt. Harvey B. Leggee

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R ∴ E ∴ Sir George A. Weeks
E ∴ Sir Clarence E. Booth

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E∴Sir Arthur E. Erickson
E∴Sir Lewis A. Waterman
Sir Kt. Donald Jeffrey

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V∴E∴Sir Dwight C. Page, *Chairman*
R∴E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth
E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake
E∴Sir Elliott N. Holley
R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague
R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson
R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *Treasurer*
R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks, *ex-officio*

*Patriotic Activities*
V∴E∴Sir Dwight C. Page, *Chairman*
All Division Commanders

*Social Activities*
The Presiding Council Club and Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templars Commanders.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: Right Eminent Grand Commander, as a last duty before you relinquish your office, I would like to move, as is customary in all meetings of all organizations, that all the acts of the officers and Committees for the fiscal year 1955–1956 be ratified and approved. I so move.

The Grand Commander: You have heard the motion as made by R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines — it is seconded, all in favor will manifest it by extending the sword arm. It is an unanimous vote.

The Grand Commander: Now I would ask the Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard to present R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson, the installing officer, to the East.

(R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson presented to the East.)

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: I would ask the Captain of the Guard to present to the East the installing Marshal for the day, R∴S∴Sir Harold Crocker.

(R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker presented to the East.)

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: I am going to ask the Grand Commander-elect to call the list of officers-elect and that they will fall in line in the East.

(The officers-elect assembled in the East.)

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: R∴E∴Sir, I have the pleasure of presenting to you for installation the officers duly chosen to represent this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Grand Commandery, attention! Sir Knights, before proceeding with this installation let us unite with the Eminent Grand Prelate in an Invocation to Deity. Eminent Grand Prelate, you will lead our Devotions.

Rev. and E∴Sir Frank B. Crandall: Oh Lord, our Heavenly Father, we invoke Thy blessing on these Thy knightly servants before Thee and particularly invoke Thy blessing upon the E∴Sir



Knight who is to be our leader. Grant him reverence of Thy great and Holy Name that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy glory. Grant him the essential strength of body to endure the demands of his office. Grant him wisdom in all the problems of his office and especially grant him the gift of zeal and enthusiasm for our holy cause. For all of us we invoke Thy blessing that we may be good and faithful servants while life may last. These things we ask in the Name of the Blessed Emmanuel. Amen.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Sir Knights, recover!

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Sir Knights, before proceeding to invest you with the jewels of your office it is necessary that you take upon yourselves a vow of office. Do you severally consent to taking the vow of office?

Officers-elect: I do.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Eminent Marshal, you will place the officers-elect in position to take the oath of office.

(The officers-elect were placed in position and R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson administered the oath of office.)

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Now, R∴E∴Sir, I have the great honor to present to you for installation Sir Knight Thomas A. Booth who has been unanimously elected to serve this Grand Commandery as its leader for the ensuing year.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Sir Knight Thomas Arnold Booth, it is with great pleasure that I receive you as the leader of this Grand Commandery. There are many duties involved in the office of Grand Commander but you have spent eleven years in the progressive Line in this Grand Commandery and several years prior to that in your own Commandery. You have presided over your Blue Lodge, been head of your Chapter and Council, and active in the Scottish Rite. You have also been a visiting officer and active in other Bodies. So your experience precludes going into detail of the duties of your office.

Now I present you the jewel of your office, this beautiful jewel of the Grand Commandery. Now, as such, I am happy to greet you as the number one Knight Templar of the number one Grand Commandery of the United States of America, and as such, I am privileged to induct you into office at the head of your Grand Commandery.

Grand Commandery, attention! Grand Commandery, behold your Grand Commander! Grand Commander, behold your Grand Commandery! Grand Commandery may be seated.

Will you present the remaining officers for installation and invest them with the jewel of their office.

(The remaining officers were duly installed and seated in their respective positions.)

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Eminent Grand Marshal, will you make the official proclamation.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Sir Knights, attention! In the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island I hereby proclaim that the officers of this Grand Commandery have been installed into their respective positions. This proclamation is made to the North; to the South; to the East; and to the West. All interested will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly. You may be seated.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Thank you, R∴E∴Grand Commander, and now the Grand Commandery is yours. Thank you, R∴E∴Grand Marshal, for your services.

The Grand Commander: R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson and R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker, I want to express my appreciation to both of you for installing the officers today. I, of course, have looked forward to this for a long time and you two R∴E∴Sirs have been my guiding light. I have tried to follow in your footsteps and I hope I can do just that. Thank you very much.

M∴W∴Grand Masters, R∴E∴Sirs, E∴Sirs, and Sir Knights, I want to say again how deeply I appreciate the honor that has come to me today. I feel rather humble in taking this job over. I think that in the last eleven years, as I have been coming up the Line, that I have started to appreciate the size of the job I have taken on today but, frankly, even today I started to realize that it was even bigger than I had thought. But I assure you that I will do the very best I can towards the cause of Templary in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and anything that I can do for any individual Commandery I hope they will call on me and I will certainly try to give them my best. I hope for you and your Commanderies and the Grand Commandery, of course, that we are going to have a very successful year.

I have been looking forward to it because of the many remarks that have been made about the way things were starting off. I want to particularly thank our Junior Past Grand Commander for the opportunity of getting our membership campaign started earlier this year than normally. We were able to start, with his permission, a couple of months ahead and I think it has started to pay dividends.

There is one group of E∴Sirs that I cannot forget and those are the Sir Knights of Sutton Commandery who came up here today. These Sir Knights have been a big help to me in the whole eleven years I have been in Grand Commandery. They told me when I was wrong and coached me when I needed it. I am really proud and pleased that they came up here today. I would like to introduce the Past Commanders who came up to serve as the escort for the day.



First is Norman Rennie, Captain of the Guard, and a Past Commander of Sutton Commandery. Incidentally, Sir Knights, he just got out of the hospital and this is the first time he has been on the floor of the Commandery since his operation. Norman, will you stand up and take a bow.

Then, down at the end of the line, E∴Sir Elliott F. Borden; E∴Sir George A. Knowles; E∴Sir George R. Holt; E∴Sir Paul G. Covill; E∴Sir Charles P. Horton; E∴Sir Charles R. Dugdale; E∴Sir Joseph Dawes; E∴Sir Franklin H. Michelsen; E∴Sir Oman R. Price. There is one hiding in the back that I should not forget. He is always working. E∴Sir James E. Ellis.

Sir Knight Grand Captain of the Guard, you will present R∴E∴Sir Mortimer Schroeder to the East.

E∴Sir Louis A. Beaudoin: R∴E∴Sir, I present R∴E∴Sir Mortimer Schroeder.

The Grand Commander: You will present R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson.

(R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson presented to the East.)

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Thank you, R∴E∴Grand Commander.

Mort, I have almost run out of ritual so I don't know what to say at this time. I have in my hand a Past Grand Commander's jewel so eminently worn by one of the best we have ever had in days gone by, Frank Nagle, and a great many will remember him. As is the custom they are passed on and it is a credit to think that we can wear one so eminently worn by our predecessor.

I had the extreme pleasure to appoint, eleven years ago, two good men in the line. Some would say they turned out good but I knew they were good. It wasn't a hardship for you as you were a seasoned man. So I want to present to you this jewel.

It reminds me of a time when I was present at an organization such as this but where there were many more who wear very elaborate jewels. One of the newspaper men who was there, and not a Knight Templar, looked over all these jewels and tried to value all these jewels. Somebody who was well informed in our organization told him that these jewels were not be to reckoned with by value. It wasn't the intrinsic value that we placed on these jewels but rather that these jewels we wear are symbols and they are symbols of the higher teachings of our Order.

So it is, Mort, that I am very glad to invest you with this symbol, a higher teaching of our Order, a Past Grand Commander's jewel. Now before I get through, Mort, I think there is something more here which is my pleasure to present to you now that you have graduated from the red to the purple, the rosette for your

chapeau and the beautiful shoulder straps with the compliments of Grand Commandery.

R∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder: Frank, you say you ran out of ritual; I have run out of words. Frank, I want to thank you very much for presenting me with this jewel, this rosette, and these shoulder straps. It is particularly fitting that it should be you who presented them to me for back in 1945 you appointed me in this Grand Commandery Line. You sponsored me all up the Line and installed me as Grand Commander last year. If I have done anything which is a credit to this Grand Commandery I owe it all to you. I have tried to do my best and I hope I have not been a disappointment to you or to this Grand Commandery.

I want to thank the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery for giving me the opportunity of proceeding through the Line of this Grand Commandery and being the Grand Commander during the past year. It has been one of my greatest honors and I appreciate it more than words can tell. I thank you for all you have done to make things easy for me in my progress along the line, the courtesies you extended to me in your various Commanderies, and for everything you have done for me. I appreciated it very much and thank you.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Good luck, Mort.

The Grand Commander: Now, E∴Sirs and Sir Knights, perhaps it is in order to say just a few things about what we hope to accomplish this year. Perhaps the foremost thing in our minds all the time is membership. We have heard several addresses on membership today and I will say Amen to every one of them. Our quota, again, this year we are going to try to meet is 1,000 candidates. Sir Knights, we need them. We had a net gain of 37 last year. Nobody seems to know why, except the explanation our Leroy Jones gave us, last year was an off year. We hope to get back on the track again this year and boost that up and see if we can't possibly make up that difference we had last year. Frankly, what I am looking for and hoping for is a figure I sort of had in my mind — some people may say it is a dream — but our membership is 14,760. What I am hoping for at the end of the year is a net membership of 15,000. Now if we are going to get 15,000 we need 1,000 candidates. If we get 1,000 we will have 15,000. We have been shooting at that 15,000 mark for several years. I hope this is the year we are going to hit it. The individual Commanderies need them and the Grand Commandery needs them.

There will be a change in the marking system this year. This year we are going back to the marking officer system. Our hope with that is not so much as to tighten the thing up, although we expect to tighten the marking up somewhat, but we hope to get it uniform throughout the whole jurisdiction. We have marking officers who have accepted the job. Some of them are new at it.



They certainly know the ritual and tactics but perhaps are not familiar with the marking, but under the leadership of Clyde Carter I am sure he is going to mold them into a good team that will do a good job. The marking instead of being on 985 points, as last year, is going to be on 970 points for 10 minus. That sounds as if it ought to be a little easier. I don't expect, frankly, that it will be because, as I said, we hope to tighten up some of the spots that have been neglected. You will have to work just as hard to get 970 as you did 985. But if every Commandery gets working on it I am sure we can improve the work somewhat and get uniform markings and, more than anything else, show the candidates that the Orders are put on properly. As I said before today, that is the way to interest the candidates and get more of them coming in. So the mark this year will be strictly on the work done on inspection night. The work that is done on candidates, social activities, and other things of that sort, will not be the mark that is given on inspection night. At the end of the year we will have an attainment mark and those Commanderies who get 10 minus will necessarily have to work hard on the other things that go into a Commandery year to hold their attainment mark up to 10 minus. Likewise, those with 9 plus or minus have an opportunity to bring that mark up. So we may end up, Sir Knights, with a lot up in the 9 plus class.

Getting back to membership gain, two Commanderies that I know of have already met their quota, Berkshire and Athol, which I was told today has already obtained ten candidates. Ivanhoe is within one I know and maybe they have gone over already. As was also said today, "Go thou and do thou likewise."

Now I sincerely hope that we will have the cooperation of all the Commanderies and officers this year. We need it. We need to work together as a good team to put this thing across. We will stand together or hang together. That is the way I see it. I am sure we will do a good job.

One other thing in my mind that I would like to recommend and that is the formation of drill corps. This is something that has been recommended by the Grand Master and I recommend it to you also as a means of interesting many of the younger Sir Knights as something that will give them something to do. If we are going to keep the Sir Knights interested that we take in we must give them something and I believe a form of a drill corps will do that. And it may have a tendency to get the Sir Knights back to the idea of getting back into uniform. Sooner or later we are going to be faced with that problem. I think if we start the drill corps we may start the feeling that some of the Sir Knights may want to get back into uniform and it may build up. I hope with the formation of these drill corps that we will see a little competition between Commanderies as a means of creating interest. Here is another way for good publicity. With an exhibition drill put on at a special night or other function I am sure that Blue Lodge and

Chapter boys may ask for petitions to the Commanderies.

One other thing, Sir Knights, and that is exemplifications. Earlier this year we sent out a questionnaire on exemplifications. Thirty Commanderies responded out of fifty and that is a good percentage I think. Twenty-nine were in favor and while we have not made definite plans yet I am hopeful that before long we can have something laid out for exemplifications in several sections of the State with the idea of putting the Order of the Temple on. That is all we will attempt this year at any rate and let the Sir Knights see how it is done and making the corrections the same as in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. I think that will be a big help to the officers. Tentatively, our thought is to have that on a Saturday afternoon because that seems to be the best day for most everybody.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R∴E∴Sir Grand Recorder, have we anything else on your desk?

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: There is nothing further on my desk.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E∴Grand Warder, you will inform the E∴Grand Sentinel that I am about to adjourn this Grand Commandery.

E∴SIR ERFORD W. POOLE: R∴E∴Grand Commander, the E∴Grand Sentinel is informed.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, attention! Uncover! E∴Grand Prelate, you will lead our devotions.

REV. AND E∴SIR FRANK B. CRANDALL: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we return our thanks for this happy gathering. And now under God's mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord be gracious unto you and lift up His Countenance and give you peace now and forever more. Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, recover. I now declare the 153rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned. E∴Grand Warder, inform the E∴Grand Sentinel. Sir Knights, you are dismissed.

The 153rd Annual Conclave adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Courteously submitted,

George A. Weeks.

*Grand Recorder.*



# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

## MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

ROOM 205 Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston 16, Mass.

November 10, 1955

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SERIES 1955–1956

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The Presiding Council Club, Eastern Massachusetts, Knights Templars Officers' Association of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

Past Commanders' Association.

Courteously yours,
MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
*Grand Commander*

November 3, 1955

OFFICIAL LETTER NO. 1
SERIES 1955–1956

*To the Grand Commandery Officers:*

Sir Knights:

I am directed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder, to advise you that he has accepted an invitation to be present at the Old North Church (Christ Church), 193 Salem Street, Boston, Massachusetts on Sunday, November 13, 1955 at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of presenting a check for $500.00 to be used towards the restoration of the Steeple from which Robert Newman hung the signal lanterns, that started Sir Knight Paul Revere on his historic ride.

It is our Grand Commander's desire that all Grand Commandery Officers make an effort to be present at this service. Dress full Templar Uniform, without side arms. Report in Church Lobby at 10:30 A.M. *Service will start at 10:45 a.m.*

ALL SIR KNIGHTS ARE WELCOMED.

Courteously yours,
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
*Grand Recorder*

January 20, 1956

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 2
SERIES 1955–1956

*To the Recorders:*

Sir Knights:

I am directed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder, to advise you that it is his desire that the following items be printed in your Conclave notices:

"At the Triennial Conclave in New York, the Grand Encampment established for the first time on a National basis a one-hundred percent Charity Project which is known as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, for those suffering from injuries and diseases of the eyes, who are unable to pay. The Foundation is endeavoring to prevent blindness, regardless of race, color or creed. For the first time we are trying to do something for Humanity." If you know of such a case, please contact Grand Commandery Office.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross will be presented by Gethsemane Commandery No. 35, and the Order of Malta by Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, at a joint meeting at the Masonic Temple, Newtonville, Massachusetts on March 27, 1956. Both Orders will be presented in Full and Dramatic Form.

Tuesday, June 5, 1956: Annual Templar Night at the Pops Concert in Boston — further details later.

Courteously yours,
GEORGE A. WEEKS
*Grand Recorder*

February 3, 1956

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 3
SERIES 1955–1956

RE: *Easter Sunrise Service*

Greetings:

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will conduct the 26th Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington National Cemetery located directly across the Potomac River in Virginia opposite the District of Columbia, on Easter Sunday Morning, April 1, 1956. The assembly in full Templar uniform will begin at 7:00 o'clock sharp at the West Gate of the Cemetery (near Fort Myer). The lines will move promptly at 7:10 A.M. for the short march to the Amphitheatre.

The ceremony of laying the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will conclude the Service. Music



will be furnished by the U. S. Marine Band and arrangements are being made to have the Service broadcast or televised on a nationwide network. The address on this occasion will be delivered by Rev. Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and an orator of renown.

A very cordial invitation is extended to you to participate, *and the Committee especially requests that you give this invitation all possible publicity in your jurisdiction.* Reserved seats will be provided for those accompanying you, not in uniform, upon request.

After the Service, the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor a breakfast at the Washington Hotel, 15th and F. Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C. (about 9 A.M.) for the Sir Knights and their Ladies. Tickets for the breakfast are $2.00 each.

Grand Commandery Office will be pleased to render any assistance possible to you and your party in making room reservations and arranging for breakfast tickets, but ample time must be given in advance as hotel reservations are at a premium in Washington during the Easter Holiday.

Courteously yours,
MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
*Grand Commander*

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF
## MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

*Cast they bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."*

Boston, November 1, 1955, A.O. 837

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1
SERIES 1955–1956

*To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction:*

Greetings:

With the approach of Christmas, it is my great pleasure to extend to every Sir Knight in this Grand Jurisdiction, and their families, sincere Holiday Greetings, and with every wish that the New Year and the years to come will bring happiness and well-being to all.

As members of this Christian Order, it is significant that our thoughts at Christmas turn to helping those of our Fraternity and their families who may be in distress.

Following the custom of many years, the Sir Knights are given the opportunity of contributing to the *Christmas Good Cheer Fund* through their own Commanderies. This Fund is used exclusively to alleviate distress and to bring some measure of happiness to those worthy of assistance.

It is hoped that every Sir Knight will make a donation to this worthy cause, and the thought of doing good unto others will be returned many fold as a personal reward.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the Lines, at the Conclave immediately following its receipt and the results reported to me on forms furnished by the Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery on the 1st day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five. A.O. 837.

Courteously yours,

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER,
*Grand Commander*

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS.
*Grand Recorder*

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Boston, Mass., January 30, 1956 A.O. 838

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2
SERIES 1955–1956

*To the Eminent Commanders, Recorders and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction:*

Greetings:

You are requested to adhere to the following Resolution:

"A resolution was adopted at the 46th Triennial Conclave, of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, establishing a Knights Templar Eye Foundation for treatment, research and hospitalization of needy sufferers from eye diseases or injuries which, if untreated



would result in blindness, was adopted. This project is to treat all persons regardless of race, color, creed, age, sex, or national origin, shall be free and the pre-requisite for admission shall be the inability of the patient to pay for such treatment or hospitalization. An annual assessment of $1.00 per year (less than 2¢ per week) per member shall be levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America, based upon membership therein beginning July 1st, 1956, which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment not later than July 1st, 1957. Kindly send to the Grand Recorder's office with your Annual Return each year."

It is my order that the Recorders Levy a $1.00 Assessment upon all members, including Life Members, on their bill for annual dues to begin with July 1, 1956, same to be reported and paid with your Annual Returns submitted to Grand Commandery Office under date of June 30, 1957 and thereafter.

It is my Order that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this 30th day of January 1956.

Courteously yours,

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
*Grand Commander*

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
*Grand Recorder*

Boston, Mass., April 6, 1956, A.O. 838

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 3
SERIES 1955–1956

*Grand Commandery Officers, Commanders and Recorder:*

Sir Knights:

It has been called to my attention that some Commanderies since receiving the Ritual Changes issued by Grand Encampment (which were adopted at the 46th Triennial Conclave held in New York August 20 to 26 inclusive, 1955), have been using an "exemplar" when the class was less than eleven (11) postulants. I must therefore call your attention to the note to be placed on Page 89 of your Ritual:

"In the event that it is absolutely necessary to confer The Order of the Temple upon more than eleven (11) postulants at a single Conclave, it shall be permissible to use an 'exemplar' for certain portions of the 'work' as indicated. Such

an 'exemplar' is permissible in portraying the 'Three Years of Pilgrimage' and the 'Three Years of Warfare' but all candidates must participate in the vow (Page 106) and the declaration (Lines 20–22, Page 107). Also see the Optional Rubic No. 2."

It is my understanding that an "exemplar" can only be used when the number exceeds eleven (11))postulants.

I will also call your attention to Question No. 3, which was submitted to the Committee on Ritualistic Matters at the Triennial Conclave:

Question No. 3 — "In The Order of The Temple, what portion of the Ritual must be conferred on each candidate separately?"

Approved Answer No. 3
"The last pargraph of General Rules on Page 1 of the Ritual, and previously approved decisions would seem to answer this question. Where there is a class or group of candidates, eleven of these may participate in the First Four Libations at the Triangle at one time. Each candidate must participate separately in the Fifth Libation." (Line 7, Page 120, through Line 15, Page 124)
"There can be only one Triangle in use in the Asylum during the conferring of the Order of the Temple under presently existing Templar Law."

It is my Order that each Commandery strictly adhere to the above regulations until further notice issued by me.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this sixth day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Six.

Courteously yours,
MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER,
*Grand Commander*

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
*Grand Recorder*

Boston, Mass., April 21, 1956, A.O. 838

OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 4
SERIES 1955–1956

*To the Eminent Commander:*

Eminent Sir:

You have been advised concerning the All Masonic Night being sponsored again this year at the Boston Garden by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, and no doubt heard about the similar meeting last June when over 15,000 Masons and their Ladies were present at



the great meeting dedicated to the Order of De Molay at that time.

This year it has been planned to feature not only the pageantry of the Shrine, but also Masonry generally, including the Scottish Rite, and the colors and picturesque uniforms of Templary. Letters of invitation have already gone forward to 36 Commanderies from Worcester east, viz: Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, and 52.

The desire is to have Commandery banners with *guards* act as introductory escort for the Grand Commander, which should serve as an unexcelled opportunity for Templary to appear at its best before possible candidates of the future. Invitations have been extended to no less than 230 Blue Lodges.

We cannot afford to do half a job, nor fail to make a dignified and impressive picture.

Detailed advices will be forwarded later as to exact timing and arrangements. Date is *Saturday evening, June 2.* Probable time is *7 p.m.* Place is *Boston Garden* at North Station in Boston. Facilities will be available for dressing if desired . . . and so stated.

Entire event over by 10:30 P.M., but departures can be earlier.

There is no Manning Bowl observance this year.

Immediate response is urgently requested.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this twelfth day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Six.

Courteously yours,
MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER,
*Grand Commander.*

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
*Grand Recorder.*

Please advise the Grand Recorder *at once* that you will be present with:

1. Your *colors* in any event, and (how many) . . . . . .
2. Color *guard* (second division) . . . . . .
3. First and Third Divisions, if possible . . . . . .
4. The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General . . . . . .

. . . . . .
*Commander*

# ADDENDA

## Precedence of Grand Commanderies Based Upon the Date of Their Respective Organizations

1. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND ..... May 6, 1805
2. NEW YORK ..... June 18, 1814
3. VIRGINIA ..... Nov. 27, 1823
4. VERMONT ..... June 27, 1824
5. NEW HAMPSHIRE ..... June 13, 1826
6. CONNECTICUT ..... Sept. 13, 1827
7. OHIO ..... Oct. 24, 1843
8. KENTUCKY ..... Oct. 15, 1847
9. MAINE ..... May 5, 1852
10. PENNSYLVANIA ..... April 12, 1854
11. INDIANA ..... May 16, 1854
12. TEXAS ..... Jan. 18, 1855
13. MISSISSIPPI ..... Jan. 21, 1857
14. MICHIGAN ..... April 7, 1857
15. ILLINOIS ..... Oct. 27, 1857
16. CALIFORNIA ..... Aug. 10, 1858
17. TENNESSEE ..... Oct. 12, 1859
18. WISCONSIN ..... Oct. 20, 1859
19. NEW JERSEY ..... Feb. 14, 1860
20. GEORGIA ..... April 25, 1860
21. MISSOURI ..... May 22, 1860
22. ALABAMA ..... Nov. 29, 1860
23. LOUISIANA ..... Feb. 12, 1864
24. IOWA ..... June 6, 1864
25. MINNESOTA ..... Oct. 23, 1865
26. KANSAS ..... Dec. 29, 1868
27. MARYLAND ..... Jan. 23, 1871
28. NEBRASKA ..... Dec. 27, 1871
29. ARKANSAS ..... Mar. 23, 1872
30. WEST VIRGINIA ..... Feb. 25, 1874
31. COLORADO ..... Mar. 14, 1876
32. NORTH CAROLINA ..... May 10, 1881
33. SOUTH DAKOTA ..... May 14, 1884
34. OREGON ..... April 13, 1887
35. WASHINGTON ..... June 2, 1887
36. WYOMING ..... Mar. 7, 1888
37. MONTANA ..... May 14, 1888
38. NORTH DAKOTA ..... June 16, 1890
39. ARIZONA ..... Nov. 16, 1893
40. FLORIDA ..... Aug. 15, 1895
41. *INDIAN TERRITORY ..... Dec. 27, 1895
42. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ..... Jan. 14, 1896
43. *OKLAHOMA ..... Feb. 10, 1896
44. NEW MEXICO ..... Aug. 21, 1901
45. IDAHO ..... Aug. 31, 1904
46. SOUTH CAROLINA ..... Mar. 25, 1907
47. UTAH ..... April 20, 1910
48. NEVADA ..... April 15, 1918

(*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.)

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1955-1958

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# GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS

| Name of Commandery | No. | Members Present | Visitors | Suite | Total | Annual Dues | Life Membership | Date of Inspection | Official Mark | Name of Inspecting Officer |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | 169 | 13 | 66 | 248 | 7.00 | 140.00 | Feb. 6, 1956 | 10 — | Elliott N. Holley |
| Boston | 2 | 280 | 7 | 36 | 323 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Mar. 21, 1956 | 10 — | Elliott N. Holley |
| Newburyport | 3 | 152 | 41 | 41 | 234 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Jan. 19, 1956 | 10 — | Elliott N. Holley |
| Washington | 4 | 36 | 3 | 29 | 68 | 6.00 | 90.00 | May 16, 1956 | 9 + | Elliott N. Holley |
| Worcester County | 5 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 252 | 10.00 | 200.00 | Apr. 5, 1956 | 10 — | Elliott N. Holley |
| Springfield | 6 | 131 | 11 | 30 | 172 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Mar. 12, 1956 | 10 — | Elliott N. Holley |
| De Molay | 7 | 215 | 5 | 47 | 267 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Nov. 23, 1955 | 9 + | Elliott N. Holley |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | 146 | 3 | 31 | 180 | 7.00 | 105.00 | Apr. 20, 1956 | 10 — | Clarence E. Booth |
| Pilgrim | 9 | 84 | 20 | 37 | 141 | 11.00 | 165.00 | Jan. 25, 1956 | 10 — | Clarence E. Booth |
| Palestine | 10 | 50 | 7 | 30 | 87 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Dec. 14, 1955 | 9 — | Clarence E. Booth |
| Milford | 11 | 68 | 15 | 48 | 131 | 9.00 | 135.00 | May 22, 1956 | 9 + | Clarence E. Booth |
| St. Bernard | 12 | 40 | 0 | 16 | 56 | 40.00 | 500.00 | Feb. 8, 1956 | 9 + | Clarence E. Booth |
| Calvary | 13 | 76 | 6 | 16 | 98 | 6.00 | 90.00 | Mar. 20, 1956 | 10 — | Clarence E. Booth |
| Haverhill | 14 | 149 | 26 | 40 | 215 | 8.00 | 120.00 | Mar. 13, 1956 | 9 + | Clarence E. Booth |
| Old Colony | 15 | 48 | 3 | 15 | 66 | 5.00 | 75.00 | Mar. 26, 1956 | 10 — | Raymond L. Hall |
| Sutton | 16 | 194 | 25 | 36 | 255 | 7.00 | 105.00 | Dec. 1, 1955 | 10 — | Raymond L. Hall |
| Bethany | 17 | 45 | 9 | 34 | 88 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Jan. 30, 1956 | 9 + | Raymond L. Hall |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | 52 | 8 | 33 | 93 | 8.00 | 120.00 | Feb. 16, 1956 | 9 + | Raymond L. Hall |
| Jerusalem | 19 | 93 | 14 | 57 | 164 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Apr. 18, 1956 | 10 — | Raymond L. Hall |
| Hugh De Payens | 20 | 188 | 7 | 55 | 250 | 9.00 | 135.00 | Apr. 11, 1956 | 10 — | Raymond L. Hall |
| St. Omer | 21 | 119 | 10 | 53 | 182 | 8.00 | 120.00 | Jan. 16, 1956 | 10 — | Raymond L. Hall |
| Berkshire | 22 | 56 | 9 | 29 | 94 | 5.00 | 75.00 | Apr. 9, 1956 | 10 — | Raymond D. Douglass |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | 58 | 16 | 35 | 109 | 7.00 | 105.00 | May 1, 1956 | 10 — | Raymond D. Douglass |
| Woonsocket | 24 | 43 | 2 | 18 | 63 | 9.00 | 75.00 | Apr. 10, 1956 | 9 | Raymond D. Douglass |
| Godfrey De Bouillon | 25 | 43 | 3 | 31 | 77 | 7.00 | 150.00 | Jan. 18, 1956 | 10 — | Raymond D. Douglass |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | 44 | 6 | 31 | 81 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Apr. 2 1956 | 9 + | Raymond D. Douglass |
| Narragansett | 27 | 62 | 11 | 29 | 102 | 5.00 | 75.00 | Mar. 7, 1956 | 9 + | Raymond D. Douglass |
| Bristol | 29 | 104 | 27 | 74 | 205 | 6.00 | 90.00 | Feb. 3, 1956 | 9 + | Raymond D. Douglass |
| Northampton | 30 | 54 | 11 | 24 | 89 | 8.00 | 120.00 | Dec. 12, 1955 | 10 — | William F. West |
| South Shore | 31 | 47 | 2 | 21 | 70 | 8.00 | 160.00 | Mar. 22, 1956 | 9 + | William F. West |
| Trinity | 32 | 52 | 6 | 22 | 80 | 6.00 | 150.00 | Apr. 18, 1956 | 9 + | William F. West |
| Natick | 33 | 59 | 3 | 40 | 102 | 6.00 | 90.00 | May 14, 1956 | 10 — | William F. West |
| Coeur De Lion | 34 | 142 | 15 | 70 | 227 | 7.00 | 105.00 | Apr. 17, 1956 | 10 — | William F. West |
| Gethsemane | 35 | 153 | 3 | 34 | 190 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Feb. 28, 1956 | 10 — | William F. West |
| Olivet | 36 | 88 | 4 | 20 | 112 | 7.00 | 105.00 | Dec. 8, 1955 | 9 + | William F. West |
| Athol | 37 | 44 | 17 | 34 | 95 | 6.00 | None | Jan. 11, 1956 | 9 + | Louis A. Beaudoin |
| Bay State | 38 | 162 | 14 | 43 | 219 | 7.00 | 175.00 | Nov. 21, 1955 | 10 — | Louis A. Beaudoin |
| Cyprus | 39 | 52 | 7 | 40 | 99 | 7.00 | 105.00 | Feb. 23, 1956 | 10 — | Louis A. Beaudoin |
| St. Paul | 40 | 67 | 37 | 28 | 132 | 10.00 | 150.00 | May 11, 1956 | 10 — | Louis A. Beaudoin |
| Beauseant | 41 | 91 | 5 | 41 | 137 | 8.00 | 128.00 | Jan. 23, 1956 | 9 + | Louis A. Beaudoin |
| Cambridge | 42 | 39 | 5 | 22 | 66 | 10.00 | 200.00 | May 15, 1956 | 9 | Louis A. Beaudoin |
| Bethlehem | 43 | 61 | 5 | 21 | 87 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Apr. 9, 1956 | 9 | Louis A. Beaudoin |
| Orange | 45 | 34 | 26 | 40 | 100 | 6.00 | None | Mar. 30, 1956 | 9 + | Gilbert G. Machon |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | 115 | 19 | 49 | 183 | 7.85 | 105.00 | Nov. 3, 1955 | 10 — | Gilbert G. Machon |
| Quincy | 47 | 111 | 7 | 56 | 174 | 12.00 | 180.00 | Feb. 27, 1956 | 10 — | Gilbert G. Machon |
| Temple | 48 | 51 | 7 | 30 | 88 | 6.00 | 120.00 | Mar. 8, 1956 | 9 + | Gilbert G. Machon |
| St. Andrew | 49 | 60 | 19 | 41 | 120 | 7.00 | 105.00 | Apr. 16, 1956 | 9 + | Gilbert G. Machon |
| Reading | 50 | 95 | 37 | 45 | 177 | 9.00 | 135.00 | Jan. 9, 1956 | 10 — | Gilbert G. Machon |
| Thomas Smith Webb | 51 | 56 | 15 | 87 | 158 | 10.00 | 150.00 | Nov. 18, 1955 | 10 — | Gilbert G. Machon |
| Sir Galahad | 52 | 40 | 9 | 33 | 82 | 8.00 | 120.00 | Feb. 20, 1956 | 9 + | Gilbert G. Machon |
| Total | 1955 | 4,908 | 583 | 1,815 | 7,306 | | | | | |
| | 1956 | 4,610 | 592 | 1,886 | 7,088 | | | | | |
| Comparison with last year | | —298 | +9 | +71 | —218 | | | | | |



# CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

| Name of Commandery | No. | Location of Commandery | Date of Charter | Stated Conclave | Election of Officers | Annual Conclave | Installation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | Providence, R. I. | Oct. 7, 1805 | 1st Mon. | June | Oct. | Oct. |
| Boston | 2 | Boston, Mass. | Mar. 3, 1806 | 3rd Wed. | Sept. | Sept. | Sept. |
| Newburyport | 3 | Newburyport, Mass. | May 19, 1808 | 3rd Thurs. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| Washington | 4 | Newport, R. I. | June 7, 1814 | 3rd Wed. | June | June | June |
| Worcester County | 5 | Worcester, Mass. | Dec. 17, 1824 | 1st Thurs. | June | June | June |
| Springfield | 6 | Springfield, Mass. | June 19, 1826 | 1st Mon. | June | June | June |
| De Molay | 7 | Boston, Mass. | Oct. 10, 1848 | 4th Wed. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Pawtucket, R. I. | Oct. 10, 1848 | 3rd Fri. | June | June | June |
| Pilgrim | 9 | Lowell, Mass. | Oct. 10, 1855 | 4th Wed. | Sept. | Sept. | Sept. |
| Palestine | 10 | Chelsea, Mass. | Oct. 28, 1859 | 2nd Wed. | May | May | May |
| Milford | 11 | Milford, Mass. | Oct. 28, 1859 | 4th Tues. | June | June | June |
| St. Bernard | 12 | Boston, Mass. | Oct. 28, 1859 | 2nd Wed. | May | May | May |
| Calvary | 13 | Providence, R. I. | May 22, 1860 | 3rd Tues. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| Haverhill | 14 | Haverhill, Mass. | May 13, 1863 | 2nd Tues. | June | June | June |
| Old Colony | 15 | Abington, Mass. | Oct. 26, 1863 | 4th Mon. | June | June | Sept. |
| Sutton | 16 | New Bedford, Mass. | Mar. 4, 1864 | 1st Thurs. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| Bethany | 17 | Lawrence, Mass. | June 1, 1864 | Last Mon. | May | May | Sept. |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | Salem, Mass. | Mar. 3, 1865 | 3rd Thurs. | June | Oct. | Oct. |
| Jerusalem | 19 | Fitchburg, Mass. | Mar. 8, 1865 | 3rd Thurs. | June | June | Sept. |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | Melrose, Mass. | Mar. 27, 1865 | 2nd Wed. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| St. Omer | 21 | Dorchester, Mass. | Sept. 30, 1865 | 3rd Mon. | Sept. | Sept. | Sept. |
| Berkshire | 22 | Pittsfield, Mass. | Dec. 22, 1865 | 2nd Mon. | June | June | June |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | Greenfield, Mass. | May 22, 1866 | 1st Tues. | June | June | June |
| Woonsocket | 24 | Woonsocket, R. I. | Jan. 31, 1867 | 2nd Tues. | June | June | June |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | Fall River, Mass. | May 29, 1868 | 3rd Wed. | Sept. | Sept. | Sept. |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | Roxbury, Mass. | Jan. 1, 1869 | 1st Mon. | June | June | June |
| Narragansett | 27 | Westerly, R. I. | May 12, 1869 | 1st Wed. | June | June | Oct. |
| William Parkman | 28 | East Boston, Mass. | Consolidated with Boston Commandery Feb. 21, 1940 | | | | |
| Bristol | 29 | Attleboro, Mass. | May 28, 1870 | 1st Fri. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| Northampton | 30 | Northampton, Mass. | June 2, 1870 | 2nd Mon. | June | June | June |
| South Shore | 31 | E. Weymouth, Mass. | June 9, 1870 | 4th Thurs. | June | June | Sept. |
| Trinity | 32 | Hudson, Mass. | Apr. 7, 1871 | 3rd Wed. | June | June | Sept. |
| Natick | 33 | Natick, Mass. | Apr. 12, 1871 | 2nd Mon. | June | June | Oct. |
| Coeur de Lion | 34 | Charlestown, Mass. | Oct. 14, 1871 | 3rd Tues. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| Gethsemane | 35 | Newtonville, Mass. | May 20, 1872 | 4th Tues. | June | June | June |
| Olivet | 36 | Lynn, Mass. | Mar. 13, 1873 | 2nd Thurs. | Oct. | Oct. | Oct. |
| Athol | 37 | Athol, Mass. | June 7, 1873 | 2nd Wed. | June | June | June |
| Bay State | 38 | Brockton, Mass. | Sept. 13, 1873 | 3rd Mon. | June | June | |
| Cyprus | 39 | Hyde Park, Mass. | Oct. 31, 1873 | 4th Thurs. | May | Sept. | Sept. |
| St. Paul | 40 | North Adams, Mass. | Jan. 19, 1882 | 2nd Fri. | June | June | June |
| Beauseant | 41 | Malden, Mass. | Oct. 20, 1886 | 4th Mon. | June | June | June |
| Cambridge | 42 | Cambridge, Mass. | May 28, 1890 | 4th Tues. | June | June | Sept. |
| Bethlehem | 43 | Gloucester, Mass. | Oct. 29, 1890 | 2nd Mon. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| St. George | 44 | Beverly, Mass. | Charter arrested July 17, 1945 | | | | |
| Orange | 45 | Orange, Mass. | Oct. 26, 1893 | Last Fri. | June | June | June |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | Gardner, Mass. | Oct. 31, 1896 | 1st Thurs. | June | June | June |
| Quincy | 47 | Quincy, Mass. | Feb. 20, 1911 | 4th Mon. | June | June | June |
| Temple | 48 | Norwood, Mass. | Oct. 22, 1919 | 2nd Thurs. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| St. Andrew | 49 | Holyoke, Mass. | Oct. 28, 1920 | 3rd Mon. | June | June | Sept. |
| Reading | 50 | Reading, Mass. | Jan. 14, 1921 | 2nd Mon. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| Thomas Smith Webb | 51 | Cranston, R. I. | May 6, 1921 | 3rd Fri. | June | Sept. | Sept. |
| Sir Galahad | 52 | Waltham, Mass. | May 31, 1922 | 3rd Mon. | June | June | Sept. |
| Winthrop | 53 | Winthrop, Mass. | Consolidated with Boston Commandery Feb. 20, 1952 | | | | |

## GRAND COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

| Name of Commandery | Number | Membership Last Year | Membership This Year | Admitted | Affiliated | Reinstated | Dimitted | Suspended | Errors | Died | Fees at $5.00 | Per Capita at 85½¢ | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | 685 | 664 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 28 | 75.00 | 567.72 | 642.72 |
| Boston | 2 | 1,228 | 1,230 | 33 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 18 | 165.00 | 1,051.65 | 1,216.65 |
| Newburyport | 3 | 270 | 287 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 115.00 | 245.38 | 360.38 |
| Washington | 4 | 116 | 114 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 20.00 | 97.47 | 117.47 |
| Worcester County | 5 | 731 | 721 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 90.00 | 616.45 | 706.45 |
| Springfield | 6 | 529 | 520 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 80.00 | 444,60 | 524.60 |
| De Molay | 7 | 750 | 779 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 250.00 | 666.05 | 916.05 |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | 381 | 370 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 25.00 | 316.35 | 341.35 |
| Pilgrim | 9 | 315 | 303 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 40.00 | 259.07 | 299.07 |
| Palestine | 10 | 205 | 194 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 40.00 | 165.87 | 205.87 |
| Milford | 11 | 159 | 157 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 30.00 | 134.23 | 164.23 |
| St. Bernard | 12 | 95 | 98 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20.00 | 83.79 | 103.79 |
| Calvary | 13 | 656 | 624 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 80.00 | 533.52 | 613.52 |
| Haverhill | 14 | 376 | 370 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3— | 13 | 85.00 | 316.35 | 401.35 |
| Old Colony | 15 | 181 | 179 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3— | 6 | 35.00 | 153.05 | 188.05 |
| Sutton | 16 | 488 | 510 | 29 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 145.00 | 436.05 | 581.05 |
| Bethany | 17 | 147 | 140 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 40.00 | 119.70 | 159.70 |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | 195 | 199 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 50.00 | 170.15 | 220.15 |
| Jerusalem | 19 | 275 | 292 | 29 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 145.00 | 249.66 | 394.66 |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | 588 | 592 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 120.00 | 506.16 | 626.16 |
| St. Omer | 21 | 318 | 318 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 35.00 | 271.89 | 306.89 |
| Berkshire | 22 | 222 | 219 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 50.00 | 187.25 | 237.25 |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | 157 | 150 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 10.00 | 128.25 | 138.25 |
| Woonsocket | 24 | 166 | 165 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15.00 | 141.08 | 156.08 |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | 111 | 114 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 70.00 | 97.47 | 167.47 |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | 180 | 175 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 25.00 | 149.63 | 174.63 |
| Narragansett | 27 | 195 | 195 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 25.00 | 166.73 | 191.73 |
| Bristol | 29 | 252 | 248 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 45.00 | 212.04 | 257.04 |
| Northampton | 30 | 111 | 115 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 50.00 | 98.33 | 148.33 |
| South Shore | 31 | 144 | 138 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1— | 8 | 25.00 | 117.99 | 142.99 |
| Trinity | 32 | 187 | 186 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 15.00 | 159.03 | 174.03 |
| Natick | 33 | 160 | 183 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 135.00 | 156.47 | 291.47 |
| Coeur de Lion | 34 | 325 | 335 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 135.00 | 286.43 | 421.43 |
| Gethsemane | 35 | 463 | 470 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 140.00 | 401.85 | 541.85 |
| Olivet | 36 | 429 | 430 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 85.00 | 367.65 | 452.65 |
| Athol | 37 | 124 | 123 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 20.00 | 105.17 | 125.17 |
| Bay State | 38 | 386 | 398 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 115.00 | 340.29 | 455.29 |
| Cyprus | 39 | 136 | 147 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 85.00 | 125.69 | 210.69 |
| St. Paul | 40 | 118 | 115 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5.00 | 98.33 | 103.33 |
| Beauseant | 41 | 315 | 326 | 24 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 120.00 | 278.73 | 398.73 |
| Cambridge | 42 | 151 | 150 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 25.00 | 128.25 | 153.25 |
| Bethlehem | 43 | 147 | 156 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 75.00 | 133.38 | 208.38 |
| Orange | 45 | 66 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 52.16 | 52.16 |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | 244 | 245 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.00 | 209.48 | 214.48 |
| Quincy | 47 | 297 | 293 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 45.00 | 250.52 | 295.52 |
| Temple | 48 | 195 | 193 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 25.00 | 165.02 | 190.02 |
| St. Andrew | 49 | 128 | 138 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50.00 | 117.99 | 167.99 |
| Reading | 50 | 280 | 283 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 45.00 | 241.97 | 286.97 |
| Thomas Smith Webb | 51 | 166 | 169 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 60.00 | 144.50 | 204.50 |
| Sir Galahad | 52 | 180 | 179 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 25.00 | 153.05 | 178.05 |
| Total | | 14,723 | 14,760 | 642 | 14 | 15 | 121 | 86 | 7— | 420 | 3210.00 | 12,619.89 | 15,829.89 |
| Net Gain | | | +37 | | | | | | | | | | |



## ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

| Commandery | No. | Recorder | Address |
|---|---|---|---|
| St. John's | 1 | Henry H. Wardle | 80 Belvidere Blvd., No. Providence 11,R.I. |
| Boston | 2 | Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. | 20 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. |
| Newburyport | 3 | William H. Carter | 10 Columbus Ave., Newburyport, Mass. |
| Washington | 4 | Raymond E. Crowell | 36 Norman St., Newport, R. I. |
| Worcester County | 5 | Walter B. Taylor | 70 Moore Ave., Worcester, Mass. |
| Springfield | 6 | Harold Gaylord Ransom | 111 Woodlawn Pl., Long Meadow, Mass. |
| DeMolay | 7 | Chester G. Parsons | 25 Cavanaugh Rd., Wellesley, Mass. |
| Holy Sepulchre | 8 | Ralph Simpson | 9 Leicester Way, Pawtucket, R. I. |
| Pilgrim | 9 | Arthur E. Dyar | 269 Beacon St., Lowell, Mass. |
| Palestine | 10 | George P. LeGrow | 74 Summit St., Peabody, Mass. |
| Milford | 11 | Edward S. Holbrook | Holliston, Mass. |
| St. Bernard | 12 | Harry L. Wiggin | 171 Perkins St., Melrose 76, Mass. |
| Calvary | 13 | Charles H. Leffingwell | 131 Alexander St., Cranston, R. I. |
| Haverhill | 14 | Nerses Der Garabedian | 122 South Elm St., Haverhill, Mass. |
| Old Colony | 15 | Kenneth E. Clifford | 434 Salem St., Abington, Mass. |
| Sutton | 16 | Harry A. Chace | P. O. Box 105, New Bedford, Mass. |
| Bethany | 17 | Fred M. Barr | 1076 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass. |
| Winslow Lewis | 18 | Walter D. Cooke | 25 Mill St., So. Hamilton, Mass. |
| Jerusalem | 19 | Harvey H. Goodwin | 32 Washington St., Leominster, Mass. |
| Hugh de Payens | 20 | Donald H. Hatheway | 90 Walton Park, Melrose, Mass. |
| St. Omer | 21 | George A. Weeks | 40 Glen St., Melrose, Mass. |
| Berkshire | 22 | Karl Olavi Lepisto | 79 Foole Ave., Pittsfield, Mass. |
| Connecticut Valley | 23 | Clifford H. Thayer | 228 Conway St., Greenfield, Mass. |
| Woonsocket | 24 | Floyd C. Arnold | Box 127, Slatersville, R. I. |
| Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 | Warren P. Hathaway | P. O. Box 1615, Fall River, Mass. |
| Joseph Warren | 26 | Percy Lantz | 16 Helena Road, Dorchester 22, Mass. |
| Narragansett | 27 | Donald W. Kenneth | 118 Beach St., Westerly, R. I. |
| Bristol | 29 | Howard S. Newell | 355 Mt. Hope St., Attleboro Falls, Mass. |
| Northampton | 30 | Ledyard A. Southard | 35 Stillson Ave., Florence, Mass. |
| South Shore | 31 | William H. Crosby | 30 Liberty Pole Road, Hingham, Mass. |
| Trinity | 32 | William A. Manson | 28 Lincoln St., Hudson, Mass. |
| Natick | 33 | Rodney S. Adams | 232 Manning St., Needham, Mass. |
| Coeur de Lion | 34 | Carroll H. Tiffany | 22 Bellevue St., Medford 55, Mass. |
| Gethsemane | 35 | Chester A. Cleveland | 40 Chaske Ave., Auburndale 66, Mass. |
| Olivet | 36 | Harry A. Hemingway | 51 Philips Ave., E. Lynn. Mass. |
| Athol | 37 | Leon E. Whitney | 404 Unity Ave., Athol, Mass. |
| Bay State | 38 | Lawrence C. Clark | 551 Ash St., Brockton, Mass. |
| Cyprus | 39 | Edward H. Wheeler | 59 Winthrop St., Dedham, Mass. |
| St. Paul | 40 | David T. Williams | 358 West Main St., North Adams, Mass. |
| Beauseant | 41 | Charles W. Gurdy | 63 Winslow St., Everett 49, Mass. |
| Cambridge | 42 | Irving C. Langley | 580 School St., Belmont 78, Mass. |
| Bethlehem | 43 | Earle T. Merchant | 19 Bass Ave., Gloucester, Mass. |
| Orange | 45 | Joseph Prentiss | 71 W. River St., Orange, Mass. |
| Ivanhoe | 46 | LeRoy M. Giddings | 3 E.Broadway, Gardner, Mass. |
| Quincy | 47 | George Valentine Shirley | 124 Billings Road, No. Quincy, Mass. |
| Temple | 48 | George M. Ellis | 575 High St., Westwood, Mass. |
| St. Andrew | 49 | Arvin C. M. French | 148 Pearl St., Holyoke, Mass. |
| Reading | 50 | William T. Freeman | 26 Knollwood Rd., Reading, Mass. |
| Thomas Smith Webb | 51 | Alfred E. Grant | 68 Glenview Ave., Cranston, R. I. |
| Sir Galahad | 52 | Raymond C. Ellis | 51 Franklin St., Watertown, Mass. |

## Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

| Term of Office | Grand Commander | Member of Commandery | No. | Term of Office | Grand Commander | Member of Commandery | No. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1805–1818 | *Thomas Smith Webb | St. John's | 1 | 1905–1906 | *Edwin A. Blodgett | Springfield | 6 |
| 1818–1820 | *William Wilkinson | " " | 1 | 1906–1907 | *E. Bentley Young | Joseph Warren | 26 |
| 1820–1826 | *Henry Fowle | Boston | 2 | 1907–1908 | *Charles I. Litchfield | Boston | 2 |
| 1826–1829 | *John Carlile | St. John's | 1 | 1908–1909 | *John D. Munroe | Godfrey de Bouillon | 25 |
| 1829–1832 | *John J. Loring | Boston | 2 | 1909–1910 | *Walter W. Burnham | St. John's | 1 |
| 1832–1833 | *Robert Lash | " | 2 | 1910–1911 | *J. Albert Blake | Winslow Lewis | 18 |
| 1833–1835 | *Edward A. Raymond | " | 2 | 1911–1912 | *Lafayette G. Blair | Cambridge | 42 |
| 1835–1837 | *Abraham A. Dame | " | 2 | 1912–1913 | *Frank L. Nagle | Gethsemane | 35 |
| 1837–1839 | *John Hews | " | 2 | 1913–1914 | *William W. Johnson | Worcester County | 5 |
| 1839–1842 | *Charles W. Moore | " | 2 | 1914–1915 | *Walter F. Medding | Beauseant | 41 |
| 1842–1845 | *John Flint | " | 2 | 1915–1916 | *Frederick I. Dana | Calvary | 13 |
| 1845–1847 | *John B. Hammatt | " | 2 | 1916–1917 | *Samuel D. Sherwood | Springfield | 6 |
| 1847–1848 | *Ruel Baker | " | 2 | 1917–1918 | *William H. Emerson | Bay State | 38 |
| 1848–1851 | *John R. Bradford | " | 2 | 1918–1919 | *William J. Bolton | Athol | 37 |
| 1851–1854 | *James Hutchison | Holy Sepulchre | 8 | 1919–1920 | *Everett C. Benton | St. Bernard | 12 |
| 1854–1856 | *Simon W. Robinson | De Molay | 7 | 1920–1921 | Harry G. Pollard | Pilgrim | 9 |
| 1856–1858 | *Daniel Harwood | Boston | 2 | 1921–1922 | *Henry C. Dexter | Holy Sepulchre | 8 |
| 1858–1860 | *Winslow Lewis | " | 2 | 1922–1923 | *James S. Blake | Boston | 2 |
| 1860–1862 | *William Field | St. John's | 1 | 1923–1924 | *Charles R. Hunt | Sutton | 16 |
| 1862–1863 | *William Ellison | Boston | 2 | 1924–1925 | *Asa C. Jewett | Gethsemane | 35 |
| 1863–1865 | *William S. Gardner | Pilgrim | 9 | 1925–1926 | *Clarence M. Dunbar | Bristol | 29 |
| 1865–1867 | *Rev. Charles H. Titus | St. John's | 1 | 1926–1927 | James A. Gunn | Connecticut Valley | 23 |
| 1867–1869 | *William W. Baker | St. Bernard | 12 | 1927–1928 | *Norris G. Abbott | St. John's | 1 |
| 1869–1871 | *Benjamin Dean | St. Omer | 21 | 1928–1929 | Clarence E. Burleigh | De Molay | 7 |
| 1871–1873 | *Nicholas Van Slyck | Calvary | 13 | 1929–1930 | *Charles F. White | Beauseant | 41 |
| 1873–1875 | *Charles A. Stott | Pilgrim | 9 | 1930–1931 | *Frederick H. Briggs | Boston | 2 |
| 1875–1877 | *Rev. Henry W. Rugg | St. John's | 1 | 1931–1932 | Benjamin F. Downing | Washington | 4 |
| 1877–1879 | *John Dean | Worcester County | 5 | 1932–1933 | *George L. Dodd | Joseph Warren | 26 |
| 1879–1880 | *Nelson W. Aldrich | Calvary | 13 | 1933–1934 | William S. Hamilton | St. Paul | 40 |
| 1880–1882 | *William H. Kent | Coeur de Lion | 34 | 1934–1935 | *Arthur S. Vaughn | St. John's | 1 |
| 1882–1884 | *Caleb Saunders | Bethany | 17 | 1935–1936 | Harold W. Sprague | Bay State | 38 |
| 1884–1885 | *Charles C. Hutchinson | Pilgrim | 9 | 1936–1937 | *Charles T. Converse | Springfield | 6 |
| 1885–1886 | *George H. Burnham | St. John's | 1 | 1937–1937 | *George T. Everett | De Molay | 7 |
| 1886–1887 | *Edward P. Chapin | Springfield | 6 | 1937–1938 | Adelbert E. Place | Calvary | 13 |
| 1887–1888 | *George H. Allen | Olivet | 36 | 1938–1939 | *Harrison Hyslop | Gethesmane | 35 |
| 1888–1889 | *Edward L. Freeman | Holy Sepulchre | 8 | 1939–1940 | *Arthur A. A. Stewart | Pilgrim | 9 |
| 1889–1890 | *James Swords | Hugh de Payens | 20 | 1940–1941 | John E. Rines | Haverhill | 14 |
| 1890–1891 | *John P. Sanborn | Washington | 4 | 1941–1942 | *Arlan M. Spencer | Orange | 45 |
| 1891–1892 | *Robert H. Chamberlain | Worcester County | 5 | 1942–1943 | *William O. Tuckerman | Cyprus | 39 |
| 1892–1893 | *William H. H. Soule | St. Omer | 21 | 1943–1944 | George B. Sampson | St. Andrew | 49 |
| 1893–1894 | *Charles C. Fry | Olivet | 36 | 1944–1945 | *G. Lester Marston | Coeur de Lion | 34 |
| 1894–1895 | *Samuel C. Lawrence | Boston | 2 | 1945–1946 | Frank H. Wilson | Hugh de Payens | 20 |
| 1895–1896 | *Eugene H. Richards | Boston | 2 | 1946–1947 | Harold S. Crocker | Bay State | 38 |
| 1896–1897 | *William R. Walker | Holy Sepulchre | 8 | 1947–1948 | George A. Weeks | St. Omer | 21 |
| 1897–1898 | *Walter Cutting | Berkshire | 22 | 1948–1949 | A. Kenneth Martin | South Shore | 31 |
| 1898–1899 | *George L. Shepley | St. John's | 1 | 1949–1950 | Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. | Boston | 2 |
| 1899–1900 | *Herbert F. Morse | Joseph Warren | 26 | 1950–1951 | *J. Herbert Hinds | Quincy | 47 |
| 1900–1901 | *Winthrop Messenger | Hugh de Payens | 20 | 1951–1952 | Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd | Pilgrim | 9 |
| 1901–1902 | *George E. Hilton | Olivet | 36 | 1952–1953 | Frederic Kennedy | Natick | 33 |
| 1902–1903 | *George H. Kenyon | Calvary | 13 | 1953–1954 | Harrie M. Taft | Calvary | 13 |
| 1903–1904 | *Freeman C. Hersey | Winslow Lewis | 18 | 1954–1955 | Kenneth H. Earle | St. John's | 1 |
| 1904–1905 | *Dana J. Flanders | Haverhill | 14 | 1955–1956 | Mortimer W. Schroeder | Beauseant | 41 |

*Died.



## THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

### Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

| | Names | Years | Residence | Died |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | DeWitt Clinton | 1816–1828 | New York, N. Y. | Feb. 11, 1828 |
| 2 | Jonathan Nye | 1829–1834 | Claremont, N. H. | April 1, 1843 |
| 3 | James Madison Allen | 1835–1844 | Cayuga, N. Y. | |
| 4 | Archibald Bull | 1844–1846 | Troy, N. Y. | Dec. 22, 1865 |
| 5 | William B. Hubbard | 1847–1858 | Columbus, Ohio | Jan. 5, 1866 |
| 6 | Benjamin B. French | 1859–1864 | Washington, D. C. | Aug. 12, 1870 |
| 7 | Henry L. Palmer | 1865–1867 | Milwaukee, Wis. | May 7, 1909 |
| 8 | William Sewall Gardner | 1868–1870 | Newton, Mass. | Oct. 14, 1887 |
| 9 | John Q. A. Fellows | 1871–1873 | New Orleans, La. | Nov. 28, 1897 |
| 10 | James H. Hopkins | 1874–1876 | Pittsburgh, Pa. | June 18, 1904 |
| 11 | Vincent L. Hurlbut | 1877–1879 | Chicago, Ill. | July 24, 1896 |
| 12 | Benjamin Dean | 1880–1882 | Boston, Mass. | April 9, 1897 |
| 13 | Robert E. Withers | 1883–1885 | Wytheville, Va. | Sept. 21, 1907 |
| 14 | Charles Roome | 1886–1889 | New York | June 28, 1890 |
| 15 | John P. S. Gobin | 1889–1892 | Lebanon, Pa. | May 1, 1910 |
| 16 | Hugh McCurdy | 1892–1895 | Corunna, Mich. | July 16, 1908 |
| 17 | Warren LaRue Thomas | 1895–1898 | Maysville, Ky. | Nov. 23, 1914 |
| 18 | Reuben Hedly Lloyd | 1898–1901 | San Francisco, Cal. | Mar. 10, 1909 |
| 19 | Henry Bates Stoddard | 1901–1904 | Bryan, Texas | May 29, 1925 |
| 20 | Geo. Mayhew Moulton | 1904–1097 | Chicago, Illinois | July 24, 1927 |
| 21 | Henry Warren Rugg | 1907–1910 | Providence, R. I. | July 21, 1910 |
| 22 | Wm. Bromwell Melish | 1910–1913 | Cincinnati, Ohio | Oct. 21, 1927 |
| 23 | Arthur MacArthur | 1913–1914 | Troy, New York | Dec. 27, 1914 |
| 24 | Lee S. Smith | 1914–1919 | Pittsburgh, Pa. | April 6, 1926 |
| 25 | Joseph K. Orr | 1919–1922 | Atlanta, Georgia | Sept. 18, 1938 |
| 26 | Leonidas P. Newby | 1922–1925 | Knightstown, Ind. | Oct. 25, 1945 |
| 27 | George W. Vallery | 1925–1928 | Denver, Colo. | Dec. 20, 1933 |
| 28 | William L. Sharp | 1928–1931 | Chicago, Ill. | Dec. 22, 1950 |
| 29 | Percy W. Weidner | 1931–1932 | Los Angeles, Cal. | Aug. 16, 1932 |
| 30 | Harry C. Walker | 1932–1932 | Binghamton, N. Y. | Nov. 2, 1932 |
| 31 | Andrew D. Agnew | 1932–1937 | Milwaukee, Wis. | Dec. 29, 1951 |
| 32 | Mark Norris | 1937–1940 | Grand Rapids, Mich. | May 31, 1943 |
| 33 | Harry G. Pollard | 1940–1943 | Lowell, Mass. | |
| 34 | Charles Noah Orr | 1943–1946 | St. Paul, Minn. | Jan. 10, 1949 |
| 35 | John Temple Rice | 1946–1949 | El Paso, Texas | |
| 36 | Robert Brainerd Gaylord | 1949–1952 | San Francisco, Cal. | Aug. 4, 1953 |
| 37 | William Catron Gordon | 1952–1955 | Marshall, Mo. | |
| 38 | Walter A. DeLamater | 1955– | Rhinebeck, New York | |

## Representatives of Grand Commanderies to and from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

| From Mass. and R. I. | P. O. Address | Grand Commanderies | To Mass. and R. I. | P. O. Address |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Velmar A. Meadows | Opelika, Ala. | Alabama | E. Sir William Turner | Holyoke, Mass. |
| Herbert W. Edwards | Bisbee | Arizona | R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy | Wellesley, Mass. |
| George R. Crosley | El Dorado | Arkansas | E. Sir Charles W. Gurdy | Everett, Mass. |
| James F. Dougan | Long Beach | California | R. E. Sir Clarence E. Burleigh | Pasadena, Calif. |
| Earl W. Spencer | Pueblo | Colorado | E. Sir Robert E. Powell | Needham, Mass. |
| Archibald G. Prisk | Yalesville, Conn. | Connecticut | E. Sir Harold A. Budreau | Winthrop, Mass. |
| Percy W. Jones | Washington | District of Columbia | R. E. Sir Harold S. Crocker | Brockton, Mass. |
| John B. Phelps | Miami | Florida | E. Sir Herbert Sawyer | Daytona Beach, Fla. |
| Bolling S. DuBose | Athens | Georgia | R. E. Sir James R. Hooper | Dedham, Mass. |
| Merton Winegar | Moscow | Idaho | R. E. Sir Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd | Lowell, Mass. |
| Stuart E. Pierson | Carrollton | Illinois | E. Sir William C. McCormick | Cranston, R. I. |
| Paul G. Smiley | Washington | Indiana | E. Sir Frank B. Ells | Boston, Mass. |
| Carl W. Reed | Cresco | Iowa | E. Sir Prescott W. Eaton | Newbury, Mass. |
| Stanley J. Kirke | Wichita | Kansas | E. Sir Richard E. Goff | Pawtucket, R. I. |
| Walter A. Tillett | Danville | Kentucky | E. Sir Harold L. Burr | Needham, Mass. |
| H. S. Weston | Shreveport | Louisiana | E. Sir William S. Cooper | Medford, Mass. |
| Albert E. Anderson | Portland | Maine | R. E. Sir William S. Hamilton | Williamstown, Mass. |
| Frank F. Smith, Sr. | Silver Springs | Maryland | E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder | Everett, Mass. |
| Frank G. Millard | Flint | Michigan | E. Sir William F. Clark | Watertown, Mass. |
| Herbert E. Doering | New Ulm | Minnesota | E. Sir Thomas A. Booth | New Bedford, Mass. |
| Walter P. Abbott | Natchez | Mississippi | E. Sir Clyde L. Carter | Dorchester, Mass. |
| William C. Gordon | Marshall | Missouri | M. E. Sir Harry G. Pollard | Lowell, Mass. |
| Richard Richardson | Deer Lodge | Montana | E. Sir Alfred C. Blake | Boston, Mass. |
| Dwight W. Porter | Broken Bow | Nebraska | E. Sir Dwight C. Page | Shrewsbury, Mass. |
| William R. Overfelt | McGill | Nevada | E. Sir Alexander Campbell | So. Boston, Mass. |
| C. Wesley Lyons | Rochester | New Hampshire | R. E. Sir John E. Rines | Winchester, Mass. |
| Louis H. Budd | Newton | New Jersey | R. E. Sir Robert G. Wilson, Jr. | Boston, Mass. |
| Herbert C. Denny | Gallup | New Mexico | R. E. Sir Benjamin F. Downing | Newport, R. I. |
| Harry G. Topping | Wantaugh, N. Y. | New York | R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson | Melrose, Mass. |
| Andrew S. Melvin | Gastonia | North Carolina | E. Sir James B. Henry | Providence, R. I. |
| Robert R. Dollahan | Grand Forks | North Dakota | E. Sir William H. Evans | Brockton, Mass. |
| Howard R. Malone | Dayton, Ohio | Ohio | R. E. George A. Weeks | Melrose, Mass. |
| William A. Perry | Okmulgee | Oklahoma | E. Sir Everett B. Byles | Edgewood, R. I. |
| Harold W. Given | Portland, Oregon | Oregon | E. Sir George Ringchrist | Longmeadow, Mass. |
| T. Stuart Drake | Easton | Pennsylvania | R. E. A. Kenneth Martin | S. Weymouth, Mass |
| Jesse T. Anderson | Florence | South Carolina | E. Sir N. Russell Lynn | Medford Hill., Mass |
| George F. Westover | Pierre | South Dakota | E. Sir Herbert Y. Follett | Wollaston, Mass. |
| Earl Lee Taylor | Johnson City | Tennessee | E. Sir Eignar Ringquist | Worcester, Mass. |
| Dr. R. E. Henderson | Athens | Texas | R. E. Sir George B. Sampson | Holyoke, Mass. |
| Warren E. Fleetwood | Salt Lake City | Utah | E. Sir John C. Mick | Belmont, Mass. |
| Arthur E. Dietrich | Burlington | Vermont | E. Sir Leslie M. Collins | Melrose, Mass. |
| Harry W. Smith | Danville, Va. | Virginia | E. Sir Clarence R. Davis | W. Medford, Mass. |
| William R. Graves | Vancouver | Washington | R. E. Sir Harold W. Sprague | Brockton, Mass. |
| Frank H. Jordan | Huntington | West Virginia | R. E. Sir Harrie M. Taft | Providence, R. I. |
| Earl B. Bauer | Milwaukee, Wisc. | Wisconsin | E. Sir Walter E. Furber | Melrose, Mass. |
| William J. Haines | Evanston | Wyoming | V. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle | Providence, R. I. |



## THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

The 9 Knights who organized the Order in 1118 A.D.

Hugh de Payens
Godfrey de Saint Aldemar
Roral
Gundemar
Godfrey Bisol
Payens de Montidier
Archibald de Saint Aman
Andre de Montbar
Count of Provence

Grand Masters from Its Origin to the Death of De Molay

| | | A.D. | | | A.D. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hugh de Payens | 1118 | 14 | Philip de Plessis | 1201 |
| 2 | Robert of Burgundy | 1139 | 15 | William de Carnota | 1217 |
| 3 | Everard de Barri | 1147 | 16 | Peter de Montagu | 1218 |
| 4 | Bernard de Trenellape | 1151 | 17 | Armand de Petragrossa | 1229 |
| 5 | Bertrand de Blanchefort | 1154 | 18 | Herman de Petragrorius | 1237 |
| 6 | Andrew de Montbar | 1165 | 19 | William de Rupefort | 1244 |
| 7 | Philip of Naplus | 1169 | 20 | William de Sonnac | 1247 |
| 8 | Odo de St. Amand | 1171 | 21 | Reginald Vichierius | 1250 |
| 9 | Arnold de Troye | 1180 | 22 | Thomas Beraud | 1257 |
| 10 | John Terricus | 1185 | 23 | William de Beaujeau | 1274 |
| 11 | Gerard Ridefort | 1187 | 24 | Rheobald Gaudinius | 1291 |
| 12 | Robert Sablaeus | 1191 | 25 | Jacques de Molay | 1298 |
| 13 | Robert Gralius | 1196 | | De Molay died in 1314. | |

## CHRONOLOGY—YORK RITE

The following dates are adopted by the various bodies of Masonry. Dates are carried out for the year 1956.

Ancient Craft Masons date from the creation of the world, B. C. 4000, calling it *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light). Hence add 4000 to common time. A. D. 1956 = A. L. 5956.

Royal Arch Masons date from the beginning of the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530, calling it *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery). Hence add 530 to common time. A. D. 1956 = A. I. 2486.

Royal and Select Masters refer to the completion of the First Temple, B. C. 1000, calling it *Anno Depositionis* (Year of the Deposit). Hence add 1000 to common time. A. D. 1956 = A. Dep. 2956.

Knights Templar date from the founding of the Order, A. D. 1118, calling it *Anno Ordinis*. Hence subtract 1118 from common time. A. D. 1956 = A. O. 838.

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Semi-Annual Conclave will be held in
New Bedford, Mass., Saturday, May 11, 1957

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Annual Conclave will be held in Boston, Mass.
Saturday, October 12, 1957